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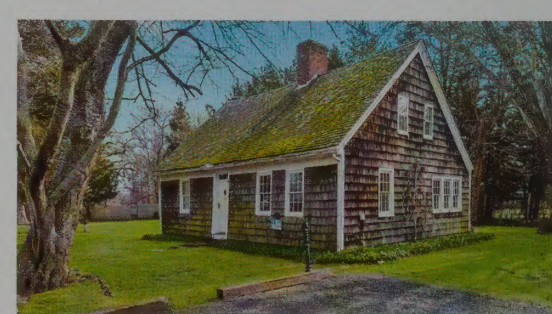

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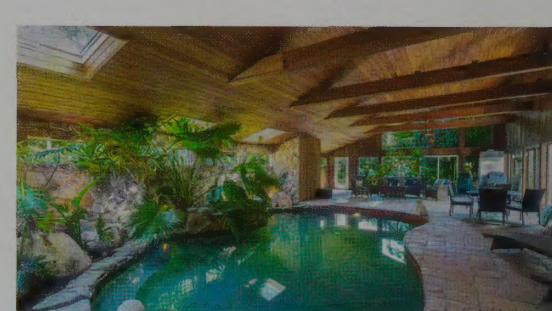

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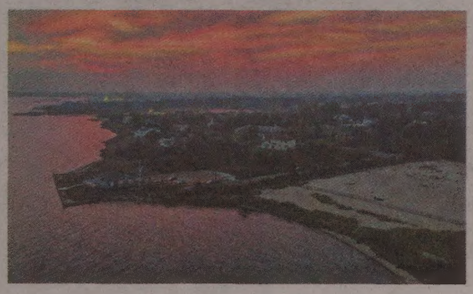

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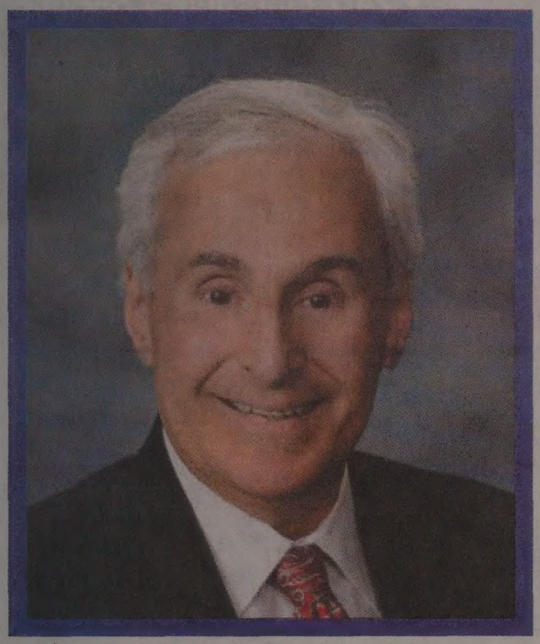

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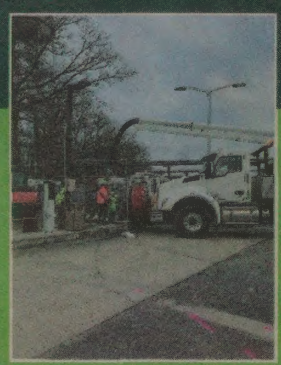

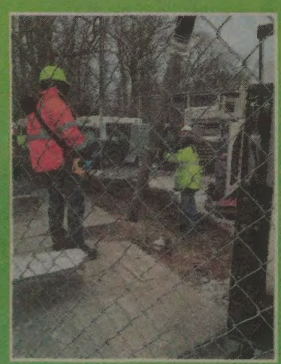

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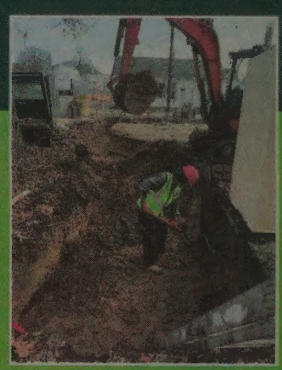

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SUMMER BODIES ARE MADE BY STEPHEN T. GREENBERG, M.D., F.A.C.S.

"Winter is the best time of year to have the cosmetic procedures you have been thinking of" states Award Winning, Celebrity Cosmetic Plastic Surgeon Stephen T. Greenberg, M.D., F.A.C.S., perennial Dan's Best of the Best Platinum honoree. "With the summer season just around the corner, now is the time to take action so you can spend the summer enjoying all that Long Island has to offer."

Why is winter a particularly good time to consider a procedure that a person would want "complete" before summertime in the Hamptons arrives?

From surgical to non-surgical options, winter is the perfect time for men and women to rejuvenate their face and body and achieve the look they desire. This is especially true for women who have lost weight or have had children and would like to turn back the hands of time and re-gain their figure. The Greenberg Modern Mommy Make-Over provides a high-tech solution for women interested in taking action to improve their look. More and more women are having children later in life and their bodies do not bounce back the way they did when they were younger, or after their first pregnancy. Although diet and exercise are essential, areas such as the lower abdomen where the skin has been stretched and the muscles weakened may never return to "normal". A tummy tuck tightens the abdominal muscles and the skin of both the lower and upper abdomen. The effects on breasts are no less dramatic. This can be improved with breast implants, a breast lift and sometimes a combination of both. Breast reductions are of tremendous benefit to many patients to relieve pain and discomfort. Depending on the severity, insurance may cover a breast reduction procedure and possibly a tummy tuck. Breast augmentation is the number one cosmetic procedure in the United States, and breast augmentation combined with a tummy tuck is a very popular surgical combination. Male breast reduction has also become very popular—male breast over-development (gynecomastia) affects 40 to 60% of all men, and the cause is often unknown. By creating a highly individualized plan to meet each patient's specific needs and aesthetic goals, we can perform a variety of both surgical and non-surgical procedures to address concerns of the breasts, abdomen, arms and thighs with little to no downtime. Surgical procedures such as breast augmentations, with or without breast lifts, abdominoplasty, liposuction, and Cellulaze for stubborn cellulite, as well as surgical and nonsurgical vaginal rejuvenation, all help to achieve the body you desire. In addition to these body contouring and enhancement procedures, surgical facial procedures are a quick solution that will refresh and restore your look quickly with amazingly little downtime.

What, if any, are the differences in approach when consulting with men and women when it comes to something like skin treatments or a facelift?

Unfortunately, nothing stops the aging process for both men and women—not even a facelift. But a facelift can turn back the aging process by 10 years. Facelifts improve the visible signs of aging by removing excess fat, tightening muscles and removing extra sagging skin from the face and neck. Facelifts will correct and tighten both the skin and deeper muscular layers of the face. Facelift surgery can make you look younger, but will not give you a totally different look. The eyelids are often the telling sign of a person's age. As we age, we begin to develop droop or "puffy" eyelids. This process starts in the 30s and 40s for both men and women and progresses with the aging process. These changes usually occur because over the years, the eyelid skin thins, loses tone and becomes more susceptible to gravity. The fat pockets gradually herniate forward, which can cause bags in both the upper and lower eyelid. As you age, your eyes look more baggy and tired. We use state-of-the-art technology and lasers to correct droopy upper lids and puffy bags below the eyes. Expect a refreshed and rejuvenated look with natural results where everyone will notice but no one will know.

What are the most important aspects of your first meeting and consultation with a prospective client?

Each patient is treated in my state-of-the-art accredited ambulatory center. From our first meeting to the weeks following surgery, I want each patient to be happy with their full experience. I use cutting-edge imaging to help patients visualize their surgical results and mentor them on how a natural-looking and effective outcome can make a significant impact on reaching their goals. Each patient has unique goals and concerns. There's no one-size-fits-all approach. I provide a comprehensive consultation where all concerns and criteria are evaluated and then make recommendations based upon the individual's needs. No longer are there lengthy recovery periods states Dr. Greenberg, the combination of advanced surgical techniques with cutting-edge technology has my patients back to daily routines quickly without evidence that they had anything done. Being restaurant ready in a matter of days means that non-surgical facial treatment options such as injectables and/or laser procedures can be added to the plan for a complete and polished look. The fleet of technology at our MedSpa offers treatments for a variety of face and body enhancements, such as advanced laser hair removal, skin tightening, cellulite reduction, nonsurgical fat reduction with CoolSculpting and toning with Emsculpt, as well as tattoo removal and sweat reduction with the revolutionary MiraDry system plus collagen therapy using Ultherapy and microneedling and fractional skin rejuvenation. Starting now helps to ensure you look and feel your best for the upcoming season.

What are the benefits of CoolSculpting and Emsculpt? How do these procedures work?

Many people across the country commit to a healthy diet and exercise regularly but may find that stubborn fat still clings to certain areas. CoolSculpting and Emsculpt are both non-invasive fat reduction treatments designed to eliminate stubborn areas of diet and exercise resistant fat. The techniques differ in that Emsculpt uses electro-magnetic energy to produce powerful contractions in the abdomen, buttocks, arms & legs that are equivalent to doing 20,000 sit-ups or 20,000 squats in just one 30 minute treatment. The amount of energy this requires, forces the body to burn fat while toning and sculpting the treated areas. CoolSculpting, uses a freezing method (cryolipolysis). CoolSculpting is a revolutionary non-surgical body contouring treatment that freezes away unwanted fat and naturally eliminates traces of it from the body. Utilizing carefully controlled cooling technology, this advanced system is able to target and freeze fat cells beneath the skin without harming the skin itself. Once the fat cells have been crystallized, the body will naturally respond by gradually shrinking them and compressing the treated area. No needles, anesthesia or downtime necessary, and up to 25% of fat is destroyed! A variety of areas across the body can be treated including the abdomen, thighs, love handles, buttocks, arms and even underneath the chin. Ideal patients are those who practice eating healthy and regularly exercising but are noticing certain areas are resistant to weight loss.

Tell us a bit about microneedling.

Microneedling is a specialized skin-rejuvenating treatment that is designed to correct and reverse the signs of aging and imperfections within skin. Treatments encourage the restorative benefits of your own cells by promoting skin renewing and regeneration within the tissue. Microneedling is also referred to as collagen induction therapy because it activates natural collagen production deep within skin. Collagen is a naturally occurring substance within the body that supports skin elasticity and youthfulness. Through microneedling, and the natural healing process of your own cells and tissue, you can achieve radiantly younger and healthier skin.

What are some of the most common questions or concerns you encounter when speaking with patients, and how do you help them overcome them?

It is of the highest importance to me that each patient gets the very best results suited to their individual physique. My goal is always a natural outcome to enhance and restore a patient's youthful appearance. I count on my doctor-patient relationships as one of the keys to providing the best experience. Many of my patients wish to see an overall change in their silhouette, even if they are coming for facial rejuvenation. I have been combining facial surgery with body contouring for more than 27 years. The technology exists to customize each patient's treatment plan to provide them with the goals they desire from head to toe. I continue to yield the most amazing results by combining liposuction with a tummy tuck and fat transfer to the buttocks, lips, face and even hands. After 27 years in practice, I still receive great satisfaction from helping my patients reach their aesthetic goals. Once they are happy with how they look, their entire demeanor changes. It is amazing how important these improvements can be to a patient's state of mind.

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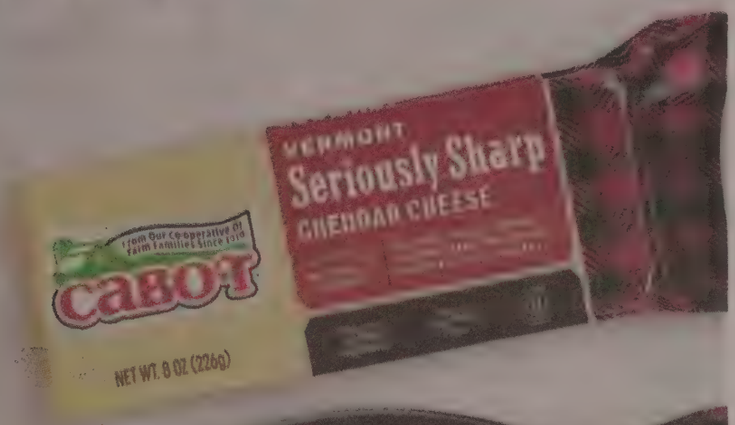

For the Macaroni and Cheese:

2 cups uncooked elbow macaroni

3 Tbsp. Cabot Salted Butter

1 Tbsp. garlic, minced

3 Tbsp. flour

1½ cups milk

16 oz. Cabot Seriously Sharp Cheddar, shredded (about 4 cups)

Salt and pepper to taste

For the Fried Macaroni Balls:

2 eggs

1 cup garlic and herb breadcrumbs

1½ qts. canola oil

¼ cup buffalo sauce

Blue cheese or Ranch dressing for dipping

To make the Macaroni and Cheese:

BOIL pasta until tender. Drain. **MELT** butter in large pot and sauté garlic. Whisk in flour for 1 min until smooth. **WHISK** in milk & stir until smooth and thickened. Stir in cheese. Season with S&P. Add cooked noodles. Stir to coat. Transfer to a 7" x 11" casserole and cool. Cover and refrigerate 1-2 hrs.

To make the Fried Macaroni Balls:

HEAT oil in large pot or fryer to 375 F. **WHISK** eggs in a shallow bowl. Pour breadcrumbs in a separate shallow bowl. **SCOOP** 2 Tbsp cold mac & cheese and form into a tight ball with hands. Roll in eggs and then breadcrumbs until evenly coated. Repeat. Place on foil-lined baking sheet. **FRY**, up to 3 at a time, in hot oil until golden (1-2 min). Transfer to towel-lined plate. **DRIZZLE** with buffalo sauce & serve with blue cheese or ranch. Enjoy!

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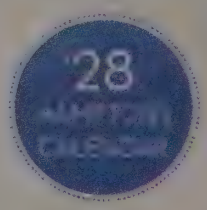

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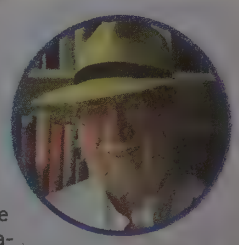

Episode 15: **Dan Gasby** of Sag Harbor is best known for his partnership with model and lifestyle figure B Smith, who was his wife. B Smith's restaurant was on Long Wharf for decades, and other locations were in New York City and Washington. The courageous and dedicated way he helped her through the long decline of Alzheimer's disease for years and years until she died last year was a tribute to him. He talks about how following such a path brought new meaning to his life.

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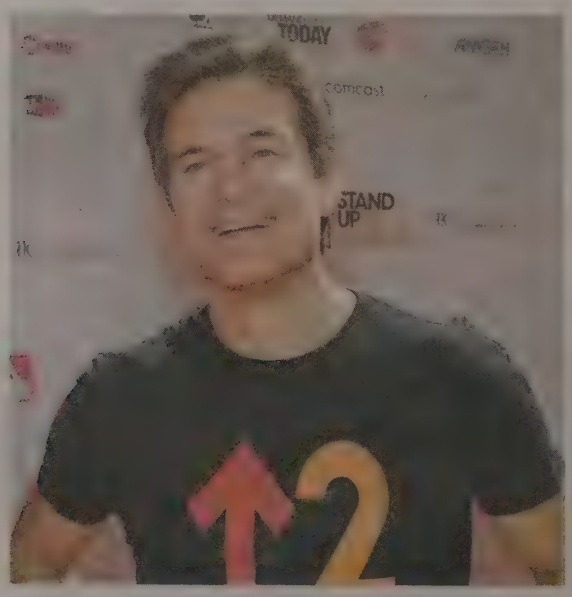
JULIANNE MOORE

The film adaptation of the beloved musical *Dear Evan Hansen* will hit theaters on September 24. *Dear Evan Hansen*, starring **Ben Platt** (who played the title role on Broadway), Montauk's **Julianne Moore**, **Kaitlyn Dever**, **Amandla Stenberg** and **Amy Adams**, follows a shy high school boy who fabricates a friendship with a classmate who recently committed suicide and inadvertently finds his life changed as a result. Moore will play Heidi, Evan's mother. The film is directed by **Stephen Chbosky** and written by **Steven Levenson**, who wrote the book for the musical.

Peconic Bay Medical Center (PBMC) was honored as part of the 2,000th episode celebration on *The Dr. Oz Show*, starring **Mehmet Oz**. *The Dr. Oz Show* paid a visit to the frontline workers of PBMC in Riverhead and handed out 2,000 roses to staff as part of the celebration. The episode aired on February 4.



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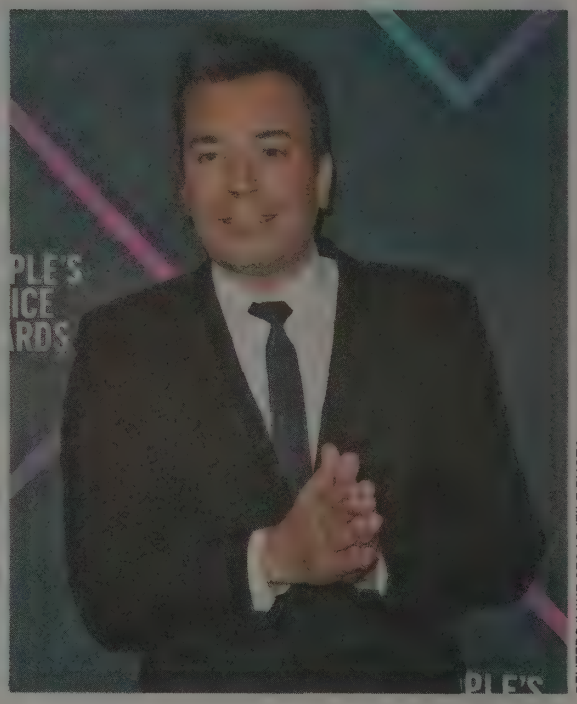
ANDY COHEN

Hamptonite **Andy Cohen** recently appeared on the PBS series *Finding Your Roots* and learned that he and Amagansett's **Scarlett Johansson** are DNA cousins. **Henry Louis Gates, Jr.** told an excited Cohen, "You share identical DNA on Chromosomes 2, 3, 7, 14 and 19." "Is she Jewish?" Cohen asked. Johansson is Jewish on one side of her family. On *Finding Your Roots*, "Dr. Henry Louis Gates, Jr. has explored the ancestry of dozens of influential people from diverse backgrounds, taking millions of viewers deep into the past to reveal the connections that bind us all," according to PBS. Gates has also explored the lineage of Johansson, **Questlove**, **Jane Lynch**, Hamptonite **Don Lemon** and many others.

Real Housewives of New York City (RHONY) star and Wainscott resident **Barbara Kavovit** has announced her NYC mayoral run. Kavovit took to Instagram to share the news, writing, "I'm running for Mayor of New York City because the city that I love, the city of opportunity where I built my business and my dreams, is in a state of crisis. I may not be a politician, but I'm a Bronx-born New Yorker who isn't fearful of the hard work and tough decisions that lay ahead. It will take a builder to rebuild #NYC, and I'm the woman to do it." Affectionately known as Barbara K, Kavovit was a cast member during *RHONY*'s 11th season in 2019. Kavovit is the CEO of Evergreen and runs a brand of female-oriented construction tools, DIYVA by Barbara K. The businesswoman and TV star is Bronx-born and running against other Democrats including **Eric Adams**, **Andrew Yang**, **Kathryn Garcia** and **Ray McGuire**.



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JIMMY FALLON

Sagaponack's **Jimmy Fallon** got his hands dirty on *The Tonight Show* last week to help overworked buddy **Steve Kornacki**. Fallon, who first surprised the MSNBC journalist with a visit after Kornacki tracked the 2020 Presidential Election in November, did a video segment in which he cleaned Kornacki's extremely cluttered and messy office. Kornacki was shocked and delighted to see his newly cleaned office and read a note from Fallon: "Dear Steve, I thought 2020 was a dumpster fire but then I saw your office. Just want you to know how much we appreciate you, here's to more fun in 2021. Love Jimmy Fallon, the **Marie Kondo** of Late Night."

ABC News' chief legal correspondent, **Dan Abrams**, has purchased Laurel Lake Vineyards in Laurel. Abrams has hired **Vanessa Price** as his new sommelier and will rebrand and relaunch the long-running winery this summer.

A local gives back: **Dr. Magdalena Swierczewski**, MD, board certified in internal medicine, has set up a by-appointment, FDA-approved, CLIA-certified COVID testing center and home visit testing for those who don't want to wait in lines out in the cold in Southampton village. Email covidtest@drMagdalenas.com.

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Thank you, East Hampton, for once again leading the way.

Here in East Hampton, our leaders have always been true champions of the environment and our community. And now, our Town Board and Trustees have put their support behind New York's first offshore wind farm, South Fork Wind – placing East Hampton well on the path toward reaching its goal of 100% renewable energy.

We applaud town leaders for approving the project's real estate rights and Host Community Agreement – agreements built upon years of collaboration, which will deliver $29 million in direct community investment and include extensive protections for residents and the environment.

We're proud to be East Hampton's partner, working together to realize a clean-energy future for us all.

Thank you.

To learn more the project, visit southforkwind.com
or follow us on Twitter @SouthForkWind.

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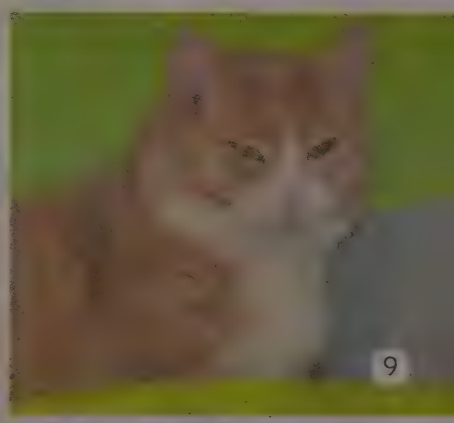
Local Rescues Looking for Forever Homes

This week's photo page is dedicated to three local nonprofit organizations who go above and beyond to rescue, care for and find forever homes for animals. We invite you to visit their websites and social media pages and share their information so that they may find homes for all of their rescues. Thank you to all those who dedicate their time, love and passion to helping those in need.

Southampton Animal Shelter Foundation

SASF relies on the generosity of donors and volunteers to care for the homeless animals in our community, and place them in loving "forever homes." The shelter is a safe haven for all animals. The shelter provides a stepping stone for animals to find loving homes. It offers them housing, food, medical treatment, training, and rehabilitation when necessary. Visit their website at southamptonanimalshelter.com or call 631-728-PETS (7387) to schedule your visit. Be sure to watch the shelter cats in action with their live Cat Cam! Photographs by Barbara Lassen and Lauren DeFoto

1. **Lola Bunny** is six years old and enjoys all sorts of fresh vegetables especially parsley. She is a bit shy at first but very sweet once she warms up to you.
2. **Brody** is a nine-year-old Labrador Retriever Mix & **Emmy** is an eleven-year-old Whippet Mix. These two dogs love each other and are looking for a home together.
3. **Elsa** is two years old, very active, curious and sassy but very loving. She is sure to make you smile.
4. **Rolly** is an adorable four-year-old pit bull terrier mix. She's very shy when meeting new people and needs time to adjust to new surroundings. Overall, Rolly is a very timid girl with a big heart. Once she gets to know you, she's the biggest mush!
5. **Bhuru** is a unique orange eight-year-old female who weighs in just over 17 pounds.
6. **Flynn**, a three-year-old pit bull terrier mix, enjoys long walks and playtime. He loves going for walks on the beach and playing in the water. He loves to snuggle and always appreciates a good belly rub!
7. Meet **Gus**! **Gus** is a three-year-old black mouth cur mix. He's a handsome boy ready for either a long-term foster or a fur-ever home. He is very smart, playful and loving. Gus enjoys lounging in the sun and exploring the great outdoors, he loves to go on hikes.
8. **Sonny** is three-years-old.
9. **Nicky** is three-years-old. **Sonny** and **Nicky** are best buddies and brothers who need a patient, quiet, loving home where they can be independent and interact on their own terms.



Gimme Shelter Animal Rescue

Founded in 2011 by Michelle Neufeld Montak, the mission for GSAR is to rescue as many animals as possible from high kill shelters and other neglectful situations across the country. Every animal rescued gets spayed/neutered, vaccinated and microchipped, as well as receives any additional necessary medical treatment prior to being adopted out through their very successful foster and adoption program in New York. Contact them at Gimmeshelteranimalrescue.org if you are interested in adopting or fostering.
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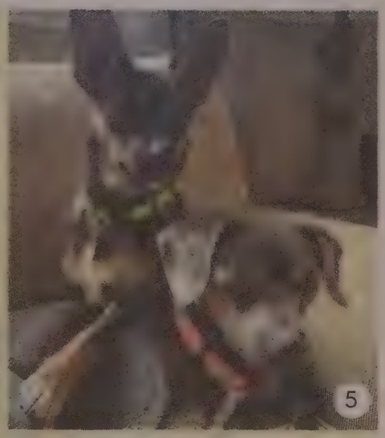
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1. Sweet **Chase** is ten-months-old and 35 lbs. He was hit by a car and had to have a back leg amputated. He gets around well and is a very loving pup with humans and other dogs! **Chase** is a master snuggler who wants to be close to his humans at all times.
2. **Aston** is simply amazing! A gorgeous five-month-old shepherd mix who is smart, cuddly, intuitive and loves other dogs!
3. Lab lovers! five-month-old **Archie** is the full package! Beautiful, sweet and smart!
4. **Mikki** is such a happy girl! She's a super loving and playful four-year-old pitbull. She lost an eye and hasn't had the best life. Despite being let down by humans she adores everyone and gives plenty of kisses and snuggles.
5. **Smoky** and **Henry** one-year-old bonded pair who loves to cuddle and play.
6. **Blue** lived on a farm until she lost her human dad recently. She's sad and confused and needs a patient human and low key home. She's a three-year-old, 25 lbs Blue Heeler/ Cattle dog.

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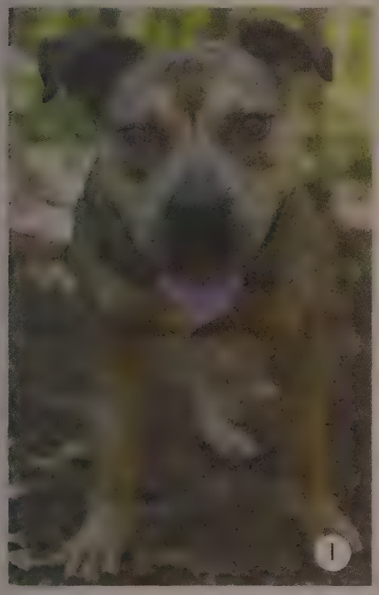
Animal Rescue Fund of the Hamptons, Inc.

ARF actively rescues cats and dogs, provides quality care and offers sanctuary until loving homes can be found. ARF's work with animals, within our community and throughout the organization is guided by three core values: compassion, integrity and dedication. All adoptions are being conducted by appointment only and applications can be found online at arfhamptons.org under "view our pets" on each animals webpage.
Phone number is 631-537-0400 Photographs by Will Yennie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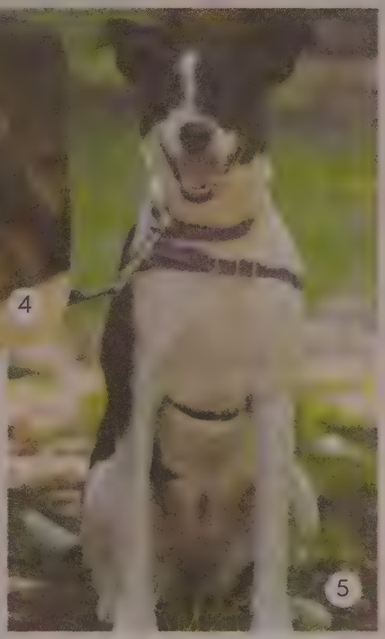
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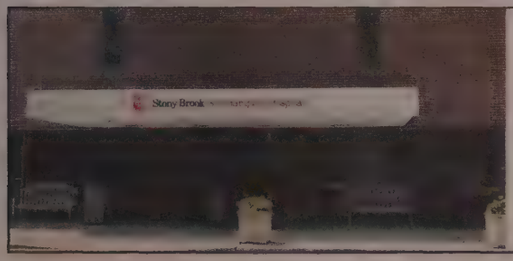
1. **Hot Dog** is just as silly as his name implies. He is a one-year-old big puppy at heart who is outgoing and fun.
2. Described as the "perfect cat" by an ARF staff member, four-year-old **Abigail** is a sweetheart who is full of personality. She just loves to be loved. Pick her up or give her a belly rub and she will purr her way into your heart.
3. **Jada**, a staff favorite, is a lovable, eleven-year-old Pit Bull.
4. **Herman** is an adorable eight-month-old kitten who came to ARF this fall after being found alone with no mom or siblings through ARF's Operation Cat program. At first, Herman was the definition of a scaredy-cat, but after spending two months in a foster home he is really starting to blossom and gain his kitty confidence.
5. Three-year-old **Stella** is a smart, wonderful dog who will need a patient person willing to earn her trust. But don't let this fool you - she's no shrinking violet. She knows basic obedience, destroys stuffed toys and plays hard with other dogs.



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NEWS & VIEWS

Montauk's Ex-Assemblyman John Behan Dies

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JOHN BEHAN, WITH HIS WIFE, MARILYN

BY SELIA MERCADO

Former New York State Assemblyman John Behan (R-Montauk), a Vietnam War veteran, U.S. Wheelchair Olympics gold medalist, and longtime champion of the East End, died on Friday. He was 76.

Born and raised on Long Island, Behan graduated from East Hampton High School in 1963 after serving as president of the student body, then joined the U.S. Marine Corps. He served with the Sixth and Seventh Fleets before joining the First Marine Division for a tour of duty in Vietnam in 1965, when he lost both of his legs in combat. After retiring at the with the rank of sergeant and learning to walk again with the use of artificial limbs, he won gold medals in the javelin, and medaled in shotput, discus and as a member of the basketball team on the U.S. Wheelchair Olympics team in 1972 and 1976 before starting his career in politics. He first served as East Hampton Town Assessor and then succeeded state Assemblyman Perry Duryea as the South Fork's Albany representative in 1978, serving for 16 years before becoming the director of the State Division of Veterans Affairs in the Gov. George Pataki administration.

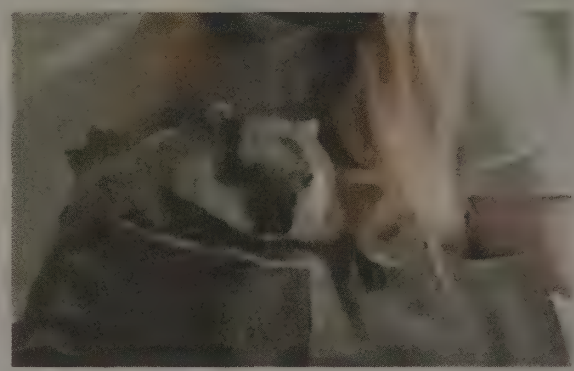
"At a time when these terms are thrown around far too carelessly, John was a true American hero and patriot," said state Assemblyman Fred Thiele (I-Sag Harbor), Behan's predecessor. "His life was dedicated to serving his country, state and community."

For his service to the Marine Corps, Behan was decorated seven times and was honored with the Conspicuous Service Cross, New York State's highest military honor. He participated in the Fourth Pan American Games held in Peru and the first International Games for the Disabled held in Canada. As an assemblyman, Behan organized a Vietnam Veterans Caucus and received national recognition as State Legislature of the Year for his advocacy.

In 1985, Behan led the historic New York State Delegation to Vietnam and later that year was tapped to lead the "Welcome Home Parade to Vietnam Veterans" down the famed canyon of heroes alongside then-New York City Mayor Ed Koch.

He is survived by his wife Marilyn and three children, Jason, Jack, and Bridget. Funeral arrangements were not immediately available.

Quogue Quigley Sees No Shadow On Groundhog Day



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QUOGUE QUIGLEY APPEARED VIA ZOOM ON TUESDAY, FEB. 2

BY TIMOTHY BOLGER

Quogue Quigley, the Hamptons' weather-prognosticating rodent, did not see his shadow on Groundhog Day, which means spring-like weather will arrive early this year, according to lore.

The groundhog hasn't seen his shadow since his 2018 debut and predicted an early spring for each of the past three years.. He appeared via Zoom this year due to coronavirus restrictions.

"That is fantastic news," said Susan McKenna, director of operations at the Quogue Library, which hosts the annual event. "We're very, very excited about that. I know it's been a long, long winter, especially with Covid going on."

The welcome news comes the day after a nor'easter blanketed the East End in snow. Quigley's forecast matches those of Long Island's other two groundhogs, Holtsville Hal and Malverne Mel, as well as most tristate area groundhogs, including Staten Island Chuck, New Jersey's Milltown Mel, and upstate New York's Dunkirk Dave.

The only tristate area groundhog to agree with the nation's foremost groundhog, Punxsutawney Phil, who did see his shadow — suggesting six more weeks of winter — was Phoebe, a groundhog standing in for Connecticut's Chuckles on Tuesday.

Quigley lives at the Save the Animals Rescue Foundation, whose mission is "to mitigate the damage done to the wild population through the progress of humans," according to the group.

Regardless of what the woodchucks say, the spring equinox is six weeks away: March 19.

NEWS & VIEWS

BNB Ceo Secures Dime Merger

BY TIMOTHY BOLGER

The $489 million merger between Bridgehampton-headquartered BNB Bank and Brooklyn-founded Dime Community Bank has closed, with the combined 65 branches from Montauk to Manhattan now rebranded as Dime locations, the company announced on Feb. 1.

Known as a merger of equals, or MOE for short, as the two banks are about the same size, the newly merged bank has combined assets worth $12.5 billion and $9 billion in total deposits. Headquartered in Hauppauge, it's positioned as the largest independent bank on Long Island, but the bank's leaders maintain that personal relationships with customers are central to its operations.

"The only thing that was a little bit different is that at one time we thought we'd keep the name BNB at some of the East End branches, and then we made the decision that we're one company, let's have one identity," said Kevin O'Connor, who was chief executive officer of BNB and is now CEO of the merged banks. "On the East End the name change affected people a little bit, but once people recognize that their bankers are going to stay the same, I think they're comfortable. It's really not about the name on the door, it's the people inside."

Both banks have been serving the community for more than a century. Dime was founded 156 years ago, while BNB was founded in 1910.

L. TO R.: STUART LUBOW AND KEVIN O'CONNOR.

Customers will not experience any immediate changes to their accounts, loan payment terms, access to account information, use of debit cards, or access to ATMs. The company expects to combine its banking technology platforms by early in the second quarter of 2021 without any disruption to customers.

"Our commitment is really to make this a very smooth transition for our customers," said Stuart Lubow, president and chief operating officer of Dime. "The new company just provides additional capacity to do so much more business with our existing customers and all that are in our marketplace who have not experienced what true community banks are about. Although we're doubling our size, we're still community bankers and we're still dealing with relationships—we can just do it even better now."

Sebonack Golf Club Gift Eyed In CBS Ethics Probe

BY TIMOTHY BOLGER

A CBS executive received a $1 million annual membership to Sebonack Golf Club in Southampton when the television company purchased WLNY-TV from the club's owner a decade ago in a transaction that has raised ethical concerns, according to a *Los Angeles Times* exposé.

CBS Television Stations President Peter Dunn, a Long Island resident, treated the membership as a personal perk, the former manager of CBS' TV station in Philadelphia alleged in a Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission complaint, the newspaper reported, citing two unnamed sources who were aware of the deal. Sebonack declined to comment, and CBS did not respond to a request for comment.

"While listed in one executive's name, this is a CBS membership used to host clients and business partners," CBS told the Times. "Annual dues are paid by CBS and any personal expenses incurred by executives are paid from their own pocket."

The deal reportedly violates CBS' rules against accepting gifts. Dunn was placed on leave last week following another Times report that the broadcast company stifled an internal investigation into alleged racist and sexist comments Dunn made.

Jaci Clement, CEO and executive director of the Bethpage-based media watchdog nonprofit Fair Media Council, said the deal raises ethical questions.

"The coverage of this leaves me with a lot of unanswered questions, but the short answer is this, if people need to ask, 'Is that ethical?' The answer is 'no,'" said Clement.

NY, Shinnecock Sign Fight Enters Round 2

BY TIMOTHY BOLGER

The New York State Department of Transportation sent a letter to the Shinnecock Indian Nation demanding that the tribe halt construction of its second electronic billboard on the side of Sunrise Highway in Hampton Bays.

The debate has been winding its way through the court system since the Shinnecock built the first billboard on the eastbound side of Route 27 in 2019. The Shinnecock maintain they are within their rights to build the second billboard on the westbound side of the highway.

OLIVER PETERSON

THE BILLBOARDS HAVE BEEN IN COURT BEFORE

"Despite the court's refusal to order the Nation to cease construction and operation of the monuments ... the DOT issued a stop work order to the nation to halt the construction of the second monument," the Shinnecock Council of Trustees said in a statement. "Just one day after the stop work order was issued, the DOT sent a letter to the nation brazenly threatening the destruction of the monuments if the nation did not comply with the DOT's demands. The nation, however, refuses to cave ... because the DOT lacks authority over nation lands."

The tribe, which is using advertising revenue from the billboards to fund its programs, said the state cited safety concerns, which the Shinnecock dispute.

"The nation has either met or exceeded all safety measures recommended by the DOT and the courts have agreed that the monuments pose no unacceptable safety risk," the nation said. "The DOT's purported safety concerns over the construction and operation of the monuments ring hollow in light of the fact that the state, itself, has paid to advertise on these very same monuments ... The DOT's latest threat serves as just one example of the mistreatment the nation has suffered at the hands of the state."

DAN'S COLUMN

Leftovers

Comments, Opinions, Football, Wainscott, The Shining, Zeldin & More

BY DAN RATTINER

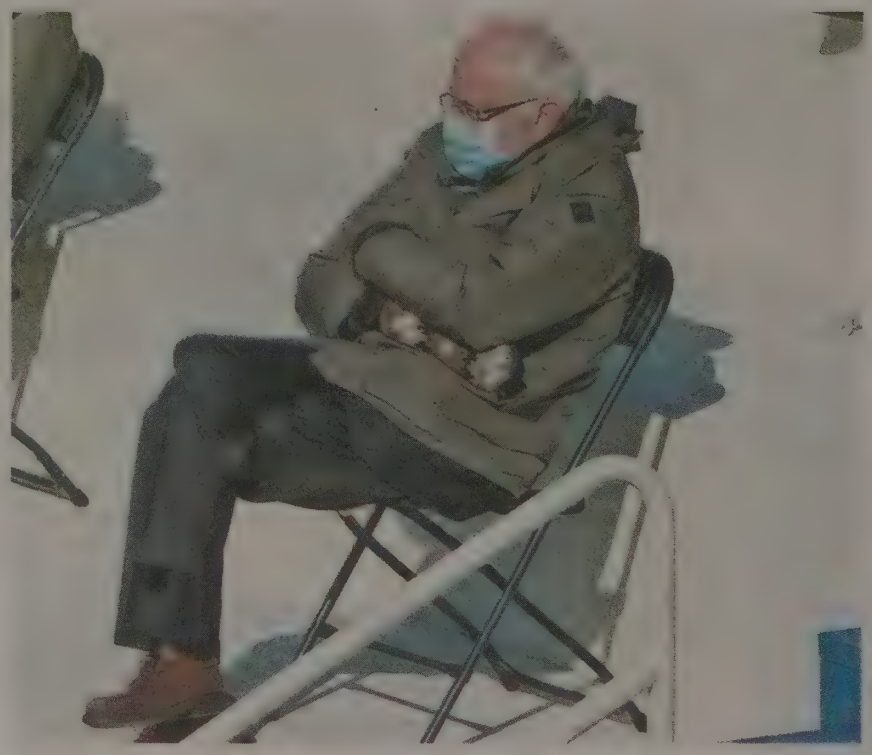
Last week I devoted a column to criticizing Optimum Wi-Fi for its poor service and customer support. The paper was on the stands for less than an hour when I got a call from Optimum saying it was sending repair men over to my house to fix whatever was wrong. Would that be all right? Would I be home?

They came, they fixed, and they even found, according to one technician, that water might be collecting in an Optimum device on the pole in front of my house that would affect service further up the road. Of course they would be fixing that too. I say to the people of Springs, "No parade in my honor, please." My reward is better service for all of us. And my hat is off to Optimum. Responding as they did was a classy thing to do.

Residents of the unincorporated hamlet of Wainscott have filed papers to become the Village of Wainscott. Many in that community think that as an incorporated village they can better prevent the proposed offshore wind farm cable from arriving underground at their beach to eventually hook into our electric grid inland. Wainscott residents will vote once the town sets the date.

Trouble is the town, county and many other agencies have already signed on to the project, and the developers have agreed to pay $29 million in community benefits over 25 years to local governments for the privilege. It seems to be a done deal.

It's sort of like the party is over, the party favors have been handed out and everybody is shaking hands and saying their goodbyes and here comes a new village arriving as everybody is leaving.



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U.S. SENATOR BERNIE SANDERS SIT SOCIALLY DISTANCED AS HE ATTENDS THE PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURATION OF JOE BIDEN ON THE WEST FRONT OF THE U.S. CAPITOL IN WASHINGTON, U.S. JANUARY 20, 2021.

Online is abuzz about the highly colorful wool mittens that U.S. Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-Vt.) wore while sitting on the dias in the cold at the Inauguration. People think his wife knitted them. They are a new meme. This is another sign that things are returning to normal. Nobody is claiming that the mittens were a gift from the devil and Cesar Chavez proving that the election was stolen. Everybody thinks the gloves are cute.

I've been watching football on TV where nobody is in the stands and an audio technician provides cheering crowd noises alternately louder and softer depending on the action. The other day all the cheering was for one team but not the other. Who interviews the people for these jobs?

U.S. Rep. Lee Zeldin (R-Shirley) voted to deny President Joe Biden a victory over Donald Trump even though Biden won the election. Zeldin argued that 8.6 million legally posted Biden votes should not be counted. In Florida, former President Donald Trump is talking about creating a third party, the Patriot Party. Zeldin should join it. Patriots don't need to bother with voting.

On Feb. 1, BNB Bank merged with the Dime Community Bank and took the name of Dime. Personally, I still write checks from the Bridgehampton National Bank account before it became BNB Bank. They still work. And it's still the same wonderful bank. And I still have checks from the North Fork Bank, which merged into Capital One 15 years ago. Never give up. Think local. You can do it too.

Here's a question. For three hours on Jan. 6, 535 congressmen and congresswomen were crowded into a secret assembly hall to keep them safe from the Trump supporters rampaging through the Capitol. During this time, all the Democrats wore their Covid masks. But many Republicans did not. A few days later, it was announced that three of the Democrats tested positive for Covid. My question is, why had no Republicans tested positive? How do you explain this? What do you think?

My favorite story last week involves a man in New Jersey who allegedly robbed a bank of $4,600 in cash and got a long sentence because during the 2014 robbery he menaced the bank teller. The State Supreme Court has now set aside the conviction. There will have to be a new trial.

Everyone at the trial agreed that the robber had been polite. He handed a note to the teller that allegedly read, "Please, all the money, 100s, 50s, 20s, 10s. Thank you." And he never said a bad word.

The prosecution got the longer sentence by showing the jury the famous photograph of Jack Nicholson as a crazed axe murderer in the movie The Shining leering out from a broken-down door to tell his next victim screaming her head off, "I'm back!!"

The prosecution said, "It's not just the words; it's what you do before and what you do after the words that matters. And that's what makes this a robbery."

The jury bought it. But on appeal it got tossed.

Finally, in the news, it appears that our three largest downtown villages – Southampton, East Hampton and Sag Harbor – are on the verge of deciding to charge motorists hourly to park in downtown lots this summer. No municipality on the East End has ever charged for parking downtown before this. But about two times a year, I drive into town to buy something, can't find parking, and turn around and drive home. This might solve that. Maybe.

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HOW TO KEEP ON GIVING DURING RETIREMENT

As you're planning for retirement, there are all sorts of things to take into account when developing your plan for the lifestyle you want to live. Among the many considerations, you may have a favorite charity – or charities – you take pride in donating money to on a regular basis. You enjoy helping causes that are near and dear to your heart and may want to continue this pattern of giving throughout your retirement.

When thinking about sustaining such philanthropic endeavors, it's important to thoughtfully consider your options prior to committing to another, albeit altruistic, expense. Before you make any financial commitments to charity, you must first take a look at your financial picture and determine how it fits within your overall priorities and whether or not this is affordable within your long-term plan.

On the other hand, if you are in a position to make a financial contribution to charity, here are some things to consider:

• If you can estimate the amount you're comfortable donating and determine the frequency of your giving, you could work with your advisor to make this an ongoing part of your spending plan.

• Decide who you want to donate your money to and be sure to do your research. Whether it's an organization you have established ties with or a new cause, you'll want to make sure their vision aligns with your intentions.

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CharityNavigator, an independent charity evaluator, provides free financial evaluations of America's charities and useful details about their efficiencies and the potential usage of your contribution.

• Talk with your advisor and/or tax professional about the potential tax benefit of donating, whether it's time or money. If you're looking to maximize the benefit of charitable giving, it's important to familiarize yourself with the rules around deductibility and specific paperwork you'll need to document any claims.

Morningstar.com provides "10 Tips for Charitable Giving During Retirement," including two possible ideas for you to consider if you are looking to make significantly large charitable gifts:

1. Use required minimum distributions from your IRA. If you don't need these distributions when you're required to take them, you can contribute up to $100,000 directly into your charity of choice. You also have the option to name a charity as an IRA beneficiary, just as you would your spouse or child. In either situation, be sure to consult a professional about the potential tax implications.

2. Consider establishing a trust or participating in donor-advised funds. Donor–advised funds allow you to undertake a more formal giving program, whereas a trust might work well for significantly larger charitable gifts. In either case, it is even more critical to seek the advice of an expert.

Make sure your advisor understands that charitable giving is important to you and an important part of the lifestyle you want in retirement. Since opportunities to contribute to charity arise when you least expect it, be sure to keep your financial advisor informed of the unplanned, as well as your planned, giving.

Please don't hesitate to contact Paul Celentano at OWN Objective Wealth Management 516 634-1300 Paul.Celentano@owmanagement.com

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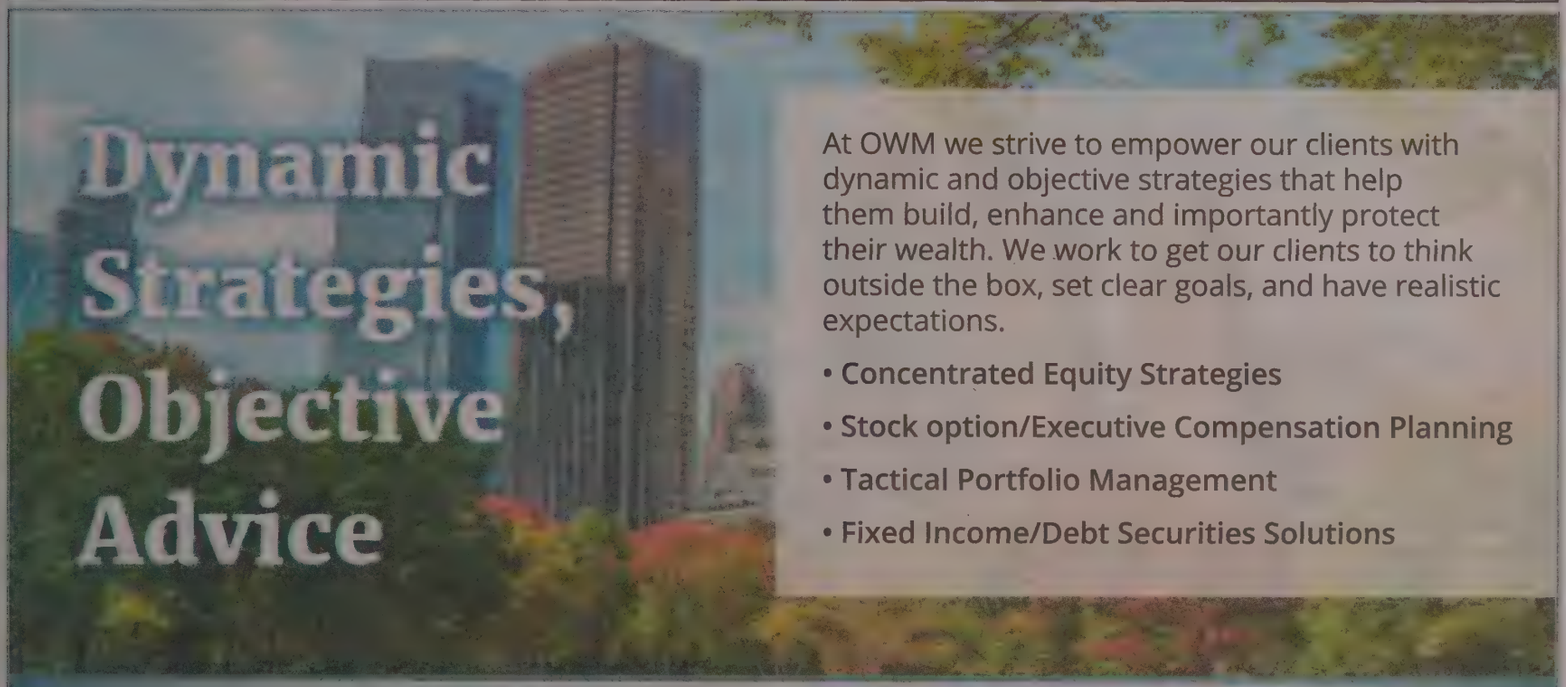

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NEWS & VIEWS

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THE HISTORICAL MARKER AT 51 POND LANE, WHERE ALL THAT REMAINS OF THE PYRRHUS CONCER HOMESTEAD IS THE WORN-DOWN POOL HOUSE (FAR LEFT)

Black History Overdue

Pyrrhus Concer Homestead Finally Named Southampton Historical Landmark

BY DAVID TAYLOR

The historical significance of the Pyrrhus Concer Homestead in the Village of Southampton is something that should be apparent to anyone who knows of his profound story and contributions to the history of Northern slavery. And yet, up until January 11, 2021 when the Southampton Village Architectural Review & Historic Preservation Board declared the property a historical landmark, its perceived historical significance was largely up in the air.

Though located in the Southampton Village Historic District, which was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1988, the Pyrrhus Concer Homestead's 2013 sale to David Hermer and Sylvia Campo for $2.75 million seemingly came with no historic strings attached, so when their request to demolish the home located at 51 Pond Land was denied by the Southampton Village Board, the decision was met with a $10 million lawsuit. Southampton Then-Mayor Mark Epley helped work out a settlement to allow two months for historical and architectural elements to be salvaged for a future reconstruction before the building would be torn down.

Despite the apparent compromise, many in the village were not satisfied with this decision and some, such as current Mayor Jesse Warren, are still left baffled by it. "I still don't understand how it was allowed to be demoed," Warren says. "How we got here was very disappointing—that you'd have an administration that would allow one of the most historic properties and homes in the village, in my opinion at least, to just get demoed. It never should've happened, but that's how it went down."

Eastville Community Historical Society Director and founding member of the Pyrrhus Concer Action Committee Dr. Georgette Grier-Key has determined that the reason Concer's home was allowed to be demolished in the end likely has to do with its then-overlooked status as a structure contributing to the historical significance of the historic district, as defined by village code. "When you have a contributing property, it's much harder to tear it down, but for some reason that was missed by the village," Grier-Key explains. "It indeed was a contributing property—not just a house in the historic district, which is already a level of protection—but when you have it listed as a contributing house, it's another level of protection. Was that omitted? Was that overlooked purposefully? We have no reason or idea why, but it was."

In July of 2015, the Town of Southampton purchased the property with $4.3 million of Community Preservation Fund revenues, and two months later a historical marker was placed at the site, honoring Concer's life from enslaved beginnings to an impressive whaling legacy. Despite three unsuccessful bids to take on the restoration project since the property's purchase, Grier-Key is more optimistic than ever, noting the huge feat that was receiving landmark status (only the second Southampton property of African descent to receive this distinction) and the various people, organizations and local governments that have joined the project in recent years. "Right now,

we have a great team in place to make this thing work," she says. "There have always been multiple levels of government involved in it, but I think now they're taking a more active role."

Some of the key players in the project are Grier-Key, Warren, Southampton Town Supervisor Jay Schneiderman, New York State Assemblyman Fred Thiele Jr., Southampton African American Museum Director Brenda Simmons and their respective teams, as well as grant writer Nicole Christian, construction consultant Roger Corcella and AIA Peconic. Through multi-tiered funding, the project is receiving grant and donations from municipal governments, private parties and individual citizens. Southampton Village had initially appropriated $500,000 for reconstruction and will add to that reserve based on donations addressed to the Pyrrhus Concer Action Committee or the Pyrrhus Concer Homestead.

"We are finalizing the plan, and we have a construction consultant now to help us with the pricing," Warren says. "A big goal for 2021 is to really begin the construction of this project. It's been a long time coming!"

The end goal of the reconstruction team is not to simply rebuild as Concer's home once was, but to expand the 19th century home into a museum dedicated to his legacy, his home's architectural significance and his importance in Southampton and American history. "It's an extraordinary example, on multiple levels, that's not just of interest to us here locally but nationally, and over in Japan, they have a monument to Pyrrhus Concer, as well," Grier-Key notes.

So who is Pyrrhus Concer, and what makes his story such an important piece of history?

Born in Southampton on March 17, 1814 to his enslaved mother, Violet, Concer inherited her status as the property of Captain Nathan Cooper, who would sell him five years later to the Pelletreau family for $25 (equivalent to $513 today). When he was freed as an adult, he became a "greenie" whaler and moved up the ranks to the vital role of boatsteerer.

On one fateful voyage in 1843, he was steering the *Manhattan*, captained by son of his former enslaver Mercator Cooper, when their vessel rescued two separate crews of shipwrecked Japanese sailors and, thanks to his skillful steering, returned them safely home, making the *Manhattan* the first American ship allowed entry into Tokyo Harbor and making Concer among the first African Americans to enter Japan.

After many adventures on the sea, Concer tested his luck in the California Gold Rush in 1848 but found little success there, so he settled down with his wife, Rachel, at 51 Pond Lane, Southampton, which had been bequeathed to him by his grandfather, Gad. During this time, Concer operated the only Lake Agawam ferry and became one of the most respected members of the village.

COURTESY EASTVILLE COMMUNITY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

PYRRHUS CONCER

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PYRRHUS CONCER'S TOMBSTONE AT NORTH END CEMETARY IN SOUTHAMPTON

Rachel passed away in 1890, followed by Concer in 1897; they share a tombstone at North End Cemetery in Southampton. Upon his death, Concer donated his complete estate of $5,000 ($156,912 today) to a number of charitable causes, including a fund for the widows of whalers and a Christian education fund for the First Presbyterian Church of Southampton.

The quote engraved at the top of their tombstone was chosen by neighbor Elihu Root, former Secretary of State and Nobel Peace Prize laureate, and reads: "Though born a slave, he possessed virtues without which kings are but slaves." Thanks to whaling logs, local records and the lasting impression he left on those who knew him, Concer's life is one of the best-recorded histories of a former enslaved person in America.

"In regard to American slavery as a whole, some of the enslaved persons didn't have a last name. For the majority of them, we don't know what happened in their life from birth to death," Grier-Key explains. "This is an instance where we know his name, we know the family that had enslaved him and his mother and family, and we know how his life went throughout; we can trace it. And that's not always so, because as opportunities happened or if someone was enslaved and sold off, there was a dead, cold track in the research and understanding of how they lived and contributed to the community, and that's not so with Pyrrhus Concer."

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Love Song to Jack

LongHouse Reserve Benefit for Late Founder

BY DAVID TAYLOR

Following the tragic passing of LongHouse Reserve founder Jack Lenor Larsen in December, the reserve will host a special winter benefit, Love Song to Jack, in his honor on Sunday, February 14.

"During the course of over 24 years of working with Jack, I learned the importance of dreaming, planning and being open to all possibilities," LongHouse Executive Directior Matko Tomičić shares. "Each day proved to be an adventure, a challenge, an experiment, an exploration and an opportunity to envision and to realize the warp and weft of life. We would, indeed, be fortunate to create until our final breath, as he did. Jack was my mentor, Jack was my friend, he will be missed."

The virtual Valentine's Day event is an elegant ode to a beloved visionary, featuring a chorus of love songs sung by famous musical artists who knew and cherished Larsen dearly. The evening kicks off with a heartfelt rendition of "It Had to Be You" from JoyJanJones, followed by lovely performances by Rufus Wainwright, Laurie Anderson, Royal Khaoz, Nico Muhly, G.E. Smith and Taylor Barton-Smith.

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JACK LENOR LARSEN

Festivities include an exclusive tour of Larsen's residence at LongHouse led by Paul Goldberger, a look inside artist Shirin Neshat's Brooklyn-based studio and conversations with the benefit's Loving Couple Honorary Chairs—Bill T. Jones and Bjorn Amelan, Eric Fischl and April Gornik, Rufus Wainwright and Jörn Weisbrodt. In addition, Goldberger and Neshat will be honored during the event, with Goldberger receiving the LongHouse Art Leadership Award and Neshat receiving the LongHouse Award.

Tickets for the benefit come with several Love Box options, crafted by the LongHouse team, which each contain a Yoko Ono keepsake, links to Shirin Neshat's films and more. To receive your Love Box prior to the event, all orders must be placed by February 8.

The Essence Love Box is $50 and contains the items previously listed only. The Cocktail Love Box is $250 and adds a Truffles and Bees Cocktail recipe with included pear-infused vodka, truffle honey, lemon juice and Canard Inc. crispy truffle waffle chips. The Saki Love Box is $650 and includes a bottle of Larsen's favorite saki, green glass saki decanter and two cups, green tea wonton chips and Canard Inc. chocolate-dipped candied ginger. The Champagne Love Box is $1,250 and comprises a bottle of Ruinart Rose Champagne enhanced with candied rose petals, Canard's fine cheeses and heart-shaped chocolate macarons spiced with chili pepper.

The $5,000 Share the Love option allows you to select a Love Box of your choice (Cocktail, Saki or Champagne) for you and three friends, and the $10,000 Share the Love option offers the same choice but for you and six friends.

Love Song to Jack takes place on February 14 at 6 p.m. To purchase tickets or learn more, visit longhouse.org.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

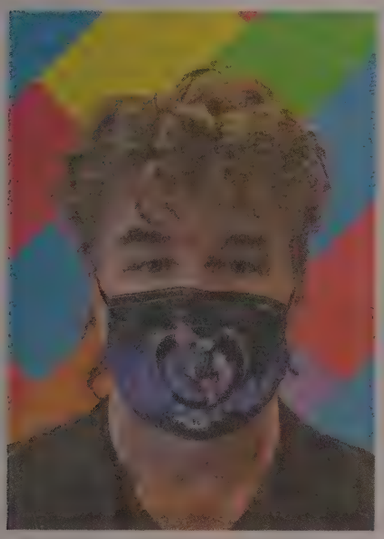
"THE HALYARD"

"YELLOW HOUSE"

This Week's Cover Artist:

Mike Stanko

BY LEE MEYER



Dan's Papers cover artist favorite Mike Stanko returns for an early Valentine's Day treat. Stanko talks about love in its many forms and how it can heal the world.

What was the inspiration for this piece?

The inspiration for this piece is simple. Not long ago, I was totally exhausted with everything that was going on in our country—the hate, the fighting, and the complete disarray in the world. While standing in front of my easel ready to start a new painting, and still contemplating the world around me, I realized, just like the song says: "What the world needs now is...LOVE." And so I made this painting, plain and simple, with love.

What does Valentine's Day mean to you?

Valentine's Day is a once-a-year opportunity for people who may not normally express it, an excuse to show love, which may be a sad statement. But I am very fortunate to say that my wife Karen and I—we've known since we were both 14 years old—are still in love all year long. We enjoy life and we laugh, often at life's absurdities. We treat each day with each other with respect and care. We are connected.

How do you celebrate your loved ones?

I take my all my relationships, with Karen as well as with all the people I love, my family and close friends, very seriously and loyally. We enjoy each other's company and have a great time whenever we are/were able to get together, to celebrate our love and friendship...and usually with very nice wine!

"SPRING FISH"

Why is love so important, especially in this day and age?

Often I think that much of the bad in this world is caused by a lack of love. Would some people still be so rotten if they had true love in their lives? Would there be war if the aggressors did share love? Perhaps that is a question for another day. But I am an optimist, maybe because I do feel loved. In today's climate, I feel more than ever the need for all of us to go out of our way to express, to share, and to communicate love—to show that there is good in this world. As a few great thinkers once sang loud and clear: "All you need is love." And I totally agree.

See more of Mike Stanko's work at the Northport Library for the month of February, as well as at stankoart.com and at stankoart on Instagram.

WHAT TO DO. WHERE TO GO. WHERE TO PLAY.

OUT & ABOUT ON THE EAST END

TALK: TOMASHI JACKSON & MINERVA PEREZ

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 5 P.M.

Join a livestream talk featuring Tomashi Jackson, the Parrish Art Museum's 2021 Platform artist, and Minerva Perez, Executive Director of OLA of Eastern Long Island, moderated by Corinne Erni, Senior Curator of ArtsReach and Special Projects.*631-283-2118, parrishart.org*

BEO STRING QUARTET: MUSIC AND TEA

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 7:30 P.M.

Beo String Quartet joins Twin Forks Musicivic for a performance of Mendelssohn's String Quartet No. 2 in A minor from the Bantha Tea Bar in Pittsburg. Registration is free but required.*twinforksmusicivic.org*

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WIN THE VALENTINE'S DATE OF YOUR LOVED ONE'S DREAMS AT WHBPAC'S ROMANTIC RAFFLE

WHBPAC VALENTINE'S DAY RAFFLE

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5.

Westhampton Beach Performing Arts Center is giving East Enders the chance to win the ultimate Valentine's Day experience! Raffle tickets are $50 per ticket or $75 for a pair, and two lucky winners will be chosen at random at the end of the event. Delight your loved one with a private movie screening, dinner, bottle of bubbly and your personalized love note on the iconic WHBPAC marquee for all to see. *whbpac.org*

NARROW LANE CLEANUP

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 8 A.M.

Help the Southampton Trails Preservation Society clean up litter from Narrow Lane in Bridgehampton. Meet on the east corner of Norris Lane with gloves in hand. Free 2021 STPS membership will be granted to new volunteers. *Narrow Lane, Bridgehampton, 631-745-0689, southamptontrails.org*

BIRDING WITH FRANK: WINTER SEA DUCKS

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 9 A.M.

Thousands of scoters, loons, eiders and many other arctic avians come to local inshore waters off Montauk Point each winter to feed on the vegetation and invertebrates that live on the ocean floor. The South Fork Natural History Museum will scan the ocean surface with scopes and try to identify these arctic visitors as they dive for food and frolic in the surf. Bring binoculars and/or a scope and a field guide to birds of the eastern United States, if you have them. Registration is $10. *Register for address, 631-537-9735, info@sofo.org, sofo.org*

ADULT CIRCUIT TRAINING WITH RACHEL HAAB

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 9:30 A.M. & 10:45 A.M.

This 45-minute circuit training class is a total-body, heart-pumping, get-your-mind-right style of class that is great for all fitness levels. Registration is $20. *Community Learning Center at Neighborhood House, 92 Three Mile Harbor Road, East Hampton. 631-655-4586, projectmost.org*

LONG ISLAND AQUARIUM BEHIND THE SCENES TOUR

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1 P.M.

Go behind-the-scenes to see firsthand what is involved in creating a hospitable environment for the aquarium's aquatic residents and visitors. Learn about the science behind the systems and procedures necessary to keep the aquarium's live animal exhibits up and running. You can even feed the clownfish! Registration is $5. *431 East Main Street, Riverhead. longislandaquarium.com*

COURTESY SOUTH FORK NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM

BLACK SCOTERS, WHICH CAN BE SPOTTED OFF MONTAUK POINT IN THE WINTER

MONTAUK POINT SEAL HIKES

FEBRUARY 6 & 7, 10 A.M.

A State Park naturalist will lead visitors on a 2–3 hour long leisurely beach walk to an area where up to four species of seals can be observed. Along the hike, hikers will see many winter birds and explore marine geology. Space is limited and reservations are required. Registration is $4. *2000 Montauk Highway, Montauk. 631-668-2544, parks.ny.gov*

CHEF CRAIG COOKING DEMO

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 6:30 P.M.

Welcome back Chef Craig and the Block Island Seafood Company for a Facebook LIVE cooking demo from his home on the Hampton Bays Public Library's Facebook page! Craig will demonstrate how to make homemade ravioli with a lobster and mushroom sauce, and scallops oreganata. *hamptonbayslibrary.org*

GATHER: PLAIN SIGHT PROJECT

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 7 P.M.

Guild Hall's Gather is a series of conversations led by Black and Indigenous Change-makers in Suffolk County—a celebration of the East End's diversity, a recognition of fault and colonization and, most importantly, an opportunity to build and implement new understandings. The third of four conversations is with Donnamarie Barnes, Plain Sight Project chair and Sylvester Manor Curator/Archivist, and David Rattray, Plain Sight Project founder and East End journalist. Tickets are $35. *631-324-0806, guildhall.org*

VIRTUAL BODY SCULPTING

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 9:30 A.M.

Join Claire from the Riverhead Free Library for this great body sculpting class live on Zoom. Come for the Tuesday morning sessions, the Thursday afternoons, or both! Registration is free but required. *riverheadlibrary.org*

SCULPT & CARDIO DANCE SERIES

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 10 A.M.

Join instructor Leisa DeCarlo, a professional and internationally known dancer, for sculpting and cardio using fun dance moves. Zoom registration is free but required. *quoguelibrary.org*

Find more events online at DansPapers.com/Events

FROM PANTRY TO PARLOR

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 11 A.M.

Function and utility were foremost in the artisan's mind when constructing early American household tools, but the handmade nature of these objects oftentimes allowed these artisans to add decorative motifs like hearts. One such lover of these specific motifs is Vice Regent of the Southampton Colony DAR Chapter, Gerri MacWhinnie, who was married 62 years ago on Valentine's Day. That event mixed with her love of

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BRUSH UP ON YOUR IMPRESSIONIST PAINTING SKILLS THIS TUESDAY

American history prompted her to begin a collection of these beautiful artifacts. Join Southampton History Museum for a virtual show where she'll showcase these tools and teach of their everyday uses. *southamptonhistory.org*

ART EVENT ON IMPRESSIONIST PAINTING

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 4 P.M.
Explore how impressionist artists from the East End as well as French impressionists captured the beauty of the moment in paintings. Then, guided by author-artist Joyce Raimondo, paint your own outdoor scene using dabs of colorful paint. You'll need paint, brushes, paper or canvas. Zoom registration is free but required. *631-324-0222 ext.3, easthamptonlibrary.org*

AUTHOR EVENT: PAUL VIDICH, THE MERCENARY

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 7 P.M.
Join BookHampton for a virtual conversation between multi-award-winning screenwriter Stephen Schiff and Paul Vidich, acclaimed author of *An Honorable Man*, *The Good Assassin* and his latest thriller, *The Mercenary*. *bookhampton.com*

PRESIDENTIAL LECTURES

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 7 P.M.
George Washington is well known as our first President and leader of the Revolutionary War, but he was an enigma and a man of few words, compared to the many recorded words we have from Adams, Jefferson and Madison, for example. The discussion will cover the life of Washington, from his early military career, his growth as a leader, his eight years as President, and his brief post-presidency.*info@hamptonlibrary.org, myhamptonlibrary.org*

CREATING A WILDLIFE REFUGE AT HOME

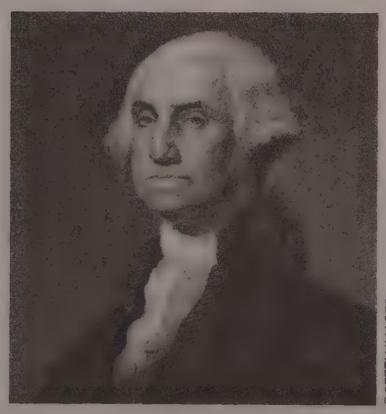
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 4 P.M.
Join Quogue Wildlife Refuge for a virtual webinar with Anthony Marinello, founder of Dropseed Native Landscapes, and learn how to make your own yard a wildlife refuge by utilizing native plants. Topics will also include the requirements needed to provide wildlife habitat, along with maintenance tips to ensure your garden looks its best while also remaining highly functional within your local ecosystem. Zoom registration is free but required. *quoguewildliferefuge.org*

SILVERBROOK ART GLASS WORKS EXHIBIT

NOW THROUGH FEBRUARY 27.
On view in the History in the Hall cases is the Suffolk County Historical Society's entire Silverbrook collection, hand-blown glass art manufactured with centuries-old techniques by the Kreutz brothers of Riverhead. *300 West Main Street, Riverhead. 631-727-2881, suffolkcountyhistoricalsociety.org*

LITERATURE LIVE! MOBY DICK

NOW THROUGH FEBRUARY 28.
Bay Street Theater's Literature Live! continues with an on-demand theatrical production of Herman Melville's American classic *Moby Dick*. The cast features celebrated actor Harris Yulin and stars of the stage Dan Domingues, Wonza Johnson, Nehal Joshi, Trent Saunders and Allen O'Reilly. Virtual tickets are $23.*baystreet.org*



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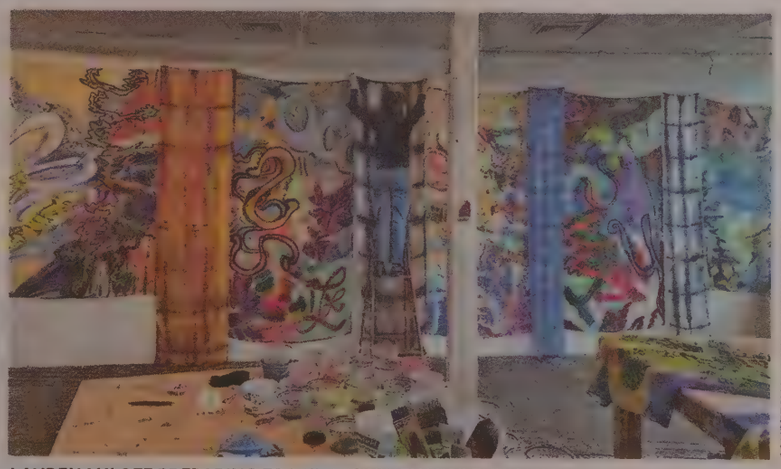
GEORGE WASHINGTON, WELL-KNOWN AS THE FIRST U.S. PRESIDENT, BUT AN ENIGMA BEYOND THAT

WINTER SMALL WORKS EXHIBITION

NOW THROUGH FEBRUARY 28.
Alex Ferrone Gallery's eighth annual Winter Small Works exhibition is a national juried exhibition featuring 51 works measuring 12 inches or smaller by 40 artists from across the country. *25425 Main Road, Cutchogue. 631-734-8545, alexferronegallery.com*

LAUREN LULOFF: SEQUENCES EXHIBITION

NOW THROUGH MARCH 20.



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LAUREN LULOFF PREPARING FOR HER "SEQUENCES" EXHIBITION IN HER BROOKLYN STUDIO

Halsey McKay Gallery presents Sequences, Lauren Luloff's fifth solo show with the gallery. Luloff's ambitious installation flows from floor-to-ceiling throughout the downstairs gallery creating an enveloping experience. Each dye on silk panel functions as its own work within linear groupings of landscapes packed with vegetative shapes interrupted by plaid borders. *79 Newtown Lane, East Hampton. 631-604-5770, info@halseymckay.com, halseymckay.com*

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VSOP Projects presents St. Dominic's Preview & Double Philosopher, a one-room solo exhibition of works by Jacob Ouillette, running concurrently with Modulus I, an online exclusive exhibition of additional works by Ouillette. The gallery is open Thursday–Sunday, 11 a.m.–6 p.m. and by appointment. *311 Front Street, Greenport. 631-603-7736, vsopprojects.com*

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VALENTINE'S DAY GUIDE

Give East End Chocolate This Valentine's Day

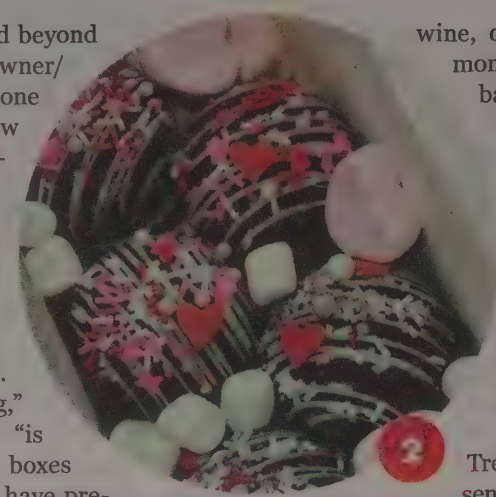
BY DAVID TAYLOR

In the annual decision of what to get your special someone for Valentine's Day, chocolate inevitably makes the cut every year. Whether presented as part of a grand date or gifted independently of other extravagancies, chocolate is almost always a welcome addition to any romantic gesture, and thankfully, the East End offers more than your typical kisses and bars. Hamptons and North Fork chocolatiers have concocted some truly inspired treats this year—from bonbons to heart boxes to hot chocolate bombs. Show your special someone how much you care with these enticing local chocolate offerings.

1. NORTH FORK CHOCOLATE COMPANY

North Fork Chocolate Company has always gone above and beyond for the holidays, but this year owner/chocolatier Steven Amaral has gone above and beyond with the new individual three-inch sweetheart cakes, made with layers of sea salt caramel mousse and flourless chocolate cake; long-stem chocolate-dipped strawberries and long-stem chocolate roses. "Most exciting," Amaral says, "is our heart boxes that we will have prepackaged for in-store shopping, curbside, delivery and shipping, and they're available on our website for online shoppers." The chocolate company also offers a diverse line of cocoa bean bars with flavors including Rough Rider bourbon, New York red wine, organic coffee, toasted almond and a tasty sugar-free bar made with monk fruit. The last day for Valentine's shipping is Sunday, February 7.

Visit shop.northforkchocolate.com or 740 Main Road, Aquebogue to shop.



2. SWEET TREATS BY JAIMIE

Jaimie Burns of Sweet Treats by Jaimie has assembled Valentine's gift boxes with cake pops, hot chocolate bombs, dipped Oreos and pretzels and surprise-filled breakable hearts. "You smash them with a hammer and they're filled with candy, or you can put a gift card, money or a ring in them," Burns explains. Her trendiest offering, however, has got to be the hot chocolate bombs, which seem to sell out as soon as she makes them, "I can't keep them made

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quick enough—as soon as I get them done, they're sold!" Anyone who orders a Valentine's gift can either schedule to pick it up at Burns' Cutchogue home on Saturday, February 13, or, for an extra $8, they can have in personally delivered on February 14.

Find more information on the Sweet Treats by Jaimie Facebook page or contact Burns directly at 631-875-1768.

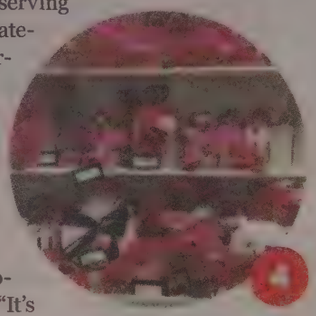
3. SERIOUS CHOCOLATE

The hot chocolate bomb trend has also hit the Hamptons' Serious Chocolate in a big way, with chocolatier Tina Mulholland coming up with milk chocolate, dark chocolate, milk caramel, dark caramel, dark raspberry, milk s'mores and white chocolate flavor explosions, each packed with plenty of hot cocoa and mini marshmallows. And speaking of trends, the fashionable 3D chocolate dress shoes are absolutely darling and come in both a men's loafer and a women's heel. Other handcrafted options include wine bottle box chocolate samplers, puckered lips lollipops and assorted chocolate boxes—some of which are actually made of chocolate themselves. Hamptons Bays pickup, local delivery and shipping are available.

Call 631-728-1770 or visit serious-chocolate.com to learn more.

4. NORTH FORK GIRL CHOCOLATES

While Nancy Powers' Southold brick-and-mortar isn't allowing patrons inside at this time, North Fork Girl Chocolates is fully operational with an impressive selection of Valentine's goodies on offer through contactless pickup. Her delicious chocolates are available in assorted heart boxes and as foiled hearts, and her other goodies include nonpareils, chocolate-covered Oreos and sea salt caramels, nutty chocolate turtles with caramel and more. And on Valentine's weekend, she'll be serving decadent chocolate-covered strawberries, as well. "It's very hard to explain the things I make, because they're all different creations," Powers says of her countless chocolatey concoctions. "It's a lot of work, but I love it!"

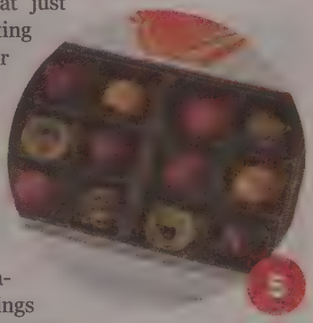


Valentine's shoppers can call the store as late as the day-of for premade chocolates and gifts, but custom orders should be placed earlier in the week.

Check out the North Fork Girl Chocolates Facebook page to peruse photos of the many gift packages on offer, then call 631-765-8300 to place an order.

5. DISSET CHOCOLATE

New to the North Fork is Disset Chocolate, an online artisanal chocolate company recently founded by Ursula XVII that just released two exciting collections—one for the winter/spring season and one for Valentine's Day. "My holiday boxes are inspired by the holiday itself, so for Valentine's I think of strawberries, caramels, flowers and things like that," Ursula says. "Then we put the Disset spin on it, where our strawberry bonbon actually has a little bit of black pepper in it, so they're very unique in that sense." The most unique concoction in the Valentine's collection is undoubtedly the dark chocolate sparkling rose pate de fruit, which invokes the flavor of Sparkling Pointe's Cuvee Carnaval sparkling wine and, thanks to a sprinkle of golden Pop Rocks, actually gives the tingling sensation of enjoying a glass of bubbly. Other bonbons in the 12-piece holiday assortment include salted caramel, raspberry rose and white chocolate edible flower. Valentine's delivery is available to those living on the North Fork, Orient to Riverhead, on Wednesday, February 10, and all shipping orders should be placed by Monday, February 8.



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Delectable Romance

BY HARRY POWERS

CHEF HIGHLIGHT: BOB ABRAMS, EXECUTIVE CHEF, CALISSA

Bob Abrams, executive chef of Calissa Restaurant in Water Mill, knew from an early age that he was destined to be a chef. Watching his Italian mother cook family meals helped pique his interest and showed how good food brings people together.

As a teenager, he worked in pizzerias and delicatessens observing chefs and learning techniques which drove his passion and lead him to start Culinary School at New York Tech. He spent his subsequent summers in school interning at 75 Main in Southampton. After graduating and spending time working in Florida and New York City he moved out east permanently. He was the sous chef at the popular Oasis restaurant in Noyac for 10 years before moving on to executive chef of Little Red in Southampton for eight years.

In Spring of 2019, Bob was approached by James Mallios to head the kitchen at Calissa. Mallios and his partners wanted a local chef to help them advance from being a successful summer spot, to a year-round restaurant and multi-use event space. He has used his love of local produce and fish to influence the Greek/Mediterranean menu Calissa has today.

Even today at Calissa, he remembers falling in love with the atmosphere of restaurant kitchens. "The quick pace, timing and how independent processes come together to make or break a dining experience" is what Abrams loves most about the kitchen environment. The "anti-chef" in many ways, Abrams focuses on "food first," as his kitchen has no space for egos or raised voices. In the silence he hears the

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hum of the refrigerator compressor, the sizzle from the pans, doors on the lowboys opening and closing and he knows he is home.

Abrams lives in Southampton with his wife Dara (a manager at Calissa) and his 10-year-old daughter, Anabelle who loves his Branzino and tacos.

Highway Restaurant & Bar in Wainscott is now offering a unique and romantic "to-go" package for couples celebrating Valentine's Day this year. On February 14, guests can pick up the Asian Night Package for Two to indulge in at home, which consists of: Hamachi crudo, shrimp dumplings (four each), king crab Rangoon (four each), seaweed salad, asian slaw, yellow fish curry or stir fry (guest must pick one), bok choy and sticky rice. To elevate the package further, guests can add Billecart Salmon Brut Reserve for $58 and a half-roasted Peking duck for $59 (Friday only). That sounds good!

Here's another one: **The Preston House & Hotel** is offering a four-course prix fixe menu for $98 per person with a $30 per person optional wine pairing. Reservations are available from 5 pm-10 pm, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, February 12–14! I'm sure they'd book you a room too!

COURTESY WORDHAMPTON

UNION BURGER BAR MAC ATTACK

Breakfast and Brunch doings in Sag Harbor: people are finding more ways to have a diversion these days (thanks to COVID) and breakfast meetings—with a friend or a business associate or even solo—are readily available at two Sag Harbor stalwarts. In the village, **K-Pasa** is open at 8 a.m. daily and offerings such delectable as mushroom toast, avocado toast and breakfast bowls such as Sag hash, or their Brekkie bowl—quinoa, black beans, halloumi (yes!), roasted tomatoes, poached eggs and sunflower seeds! Up the road on Sag-Bridge Tpke., check out Estia's brunch (10 a.m.–3 p.m., closed Tuesday) where they feature their popular French toast "Migas" made with Foster Farm corn mean and served in a pool of salsa with adobo pork and two eggs.

Union Burger Bar in Southampton has weekly specials too good to pass up. Here you go: Mondays—tap and appetizer specials; Tuesday is Taco Tuesday (1/2 price tacos all night long); Wednesday means a $5 burger (what? Yep!); Thursdays mean a burger and beer special—order any burger and get your first beer at half-price and Sundays feature $5 kid's meals all night for kids under 10. Oh—and they have a $10.95 lunch special too.

WE HEAR THAT: Spring is right around the corner, the **Clam Bar in Napeague** MIGHT open for St. Patty's Day doing takeout only. We'll take it if it's true!

CELEBRITY SIGHTING: Scott Rudin, the award-winning producer of *No Country for Old Men*, *Lady Bird*, *Fences*, and *The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo*, is a regular diner at Nick & Toni's these days. He's one of the few people who have won a Tony, an Emmy, a Grammy and an Oscar and the only producer!

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "Dining partners, regardless of gender, social standing, or the years they've lived, should be chosen for their ability to eat—and drink!—with the right mixture of abandon and restraint."—M.F.K Fisher

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Sparkling Pointe Offers New Low-Calorie Wine

BY CJ ARLOTTA

Sometimes a boozy glass of wine isn't what you need. Maybe you're on a new diet, or you're looking for something with low alcohol beverage volume.

If either situation sounds like you, Sparkling Pointe's Brut Nature may be your best bet.

"We feel it is a perfect addition to the Sparkling Pointe portfolio and fills a space unlike any of our other wines," says Melissa L. Rockwell, direct-to-consumer sales manager at Sparkling Pointe, a North Forth vineyard known for its vast selection of sparkling wines.

Released in September 2020, Sparkling Pointe's Brut Nature has been in the works since the 2016 vintage.

"The Brut Nature was originally conceived by relying heavily on our reserve wines (those held back and stored in neutral oak and small steel casks from past vintages) to supply the texture and balance that is typically achieved via the final addition of liquor dosage," Rockwell says.

The blend, which has an ABV of 12.5 percent, is composed of three types of grapes: 33 percent Chardonnay, 56 percent Pinot Noir and 11 percent Pinot Meunier.

"For me the aromatics are citrus-led with green apple, some floral, and a bit of that brioche-crispy croissant that comes from the neutral oak aged base wines plus the three years aging on the lees," Rockwell says. "There is a bit of mineral and dried grassiness that I really enjoy as well. The palate is striking in its dryness (which is the point!), and crisp acidity up front, but it also has a softness to the finish."

The winery produced 360 cases of Brut Nature. A bottle is $42.00, unless you're a member of one of Sparkling Pointe's clubs, then it's $37.80.

"It has been quite popular and well received at the tasting house," she says. "Although I think there is a trendiness to the style and even non wine aficionados are compelled by a no-sugar, low-alcohol, low-calorie sparkling wine."

NORTH FORK WINERY SPARKLING POINT HAS RELEASED A LOW-ALCOHOL OPTION.

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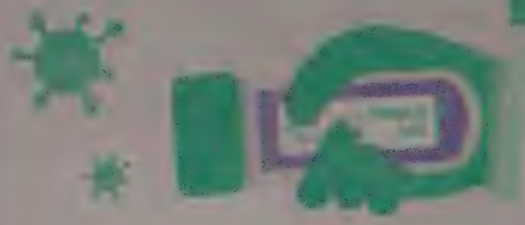

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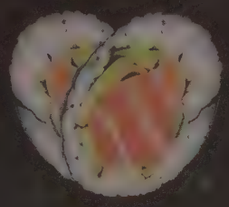

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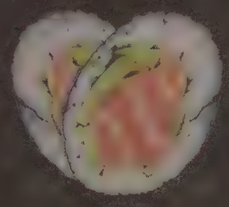

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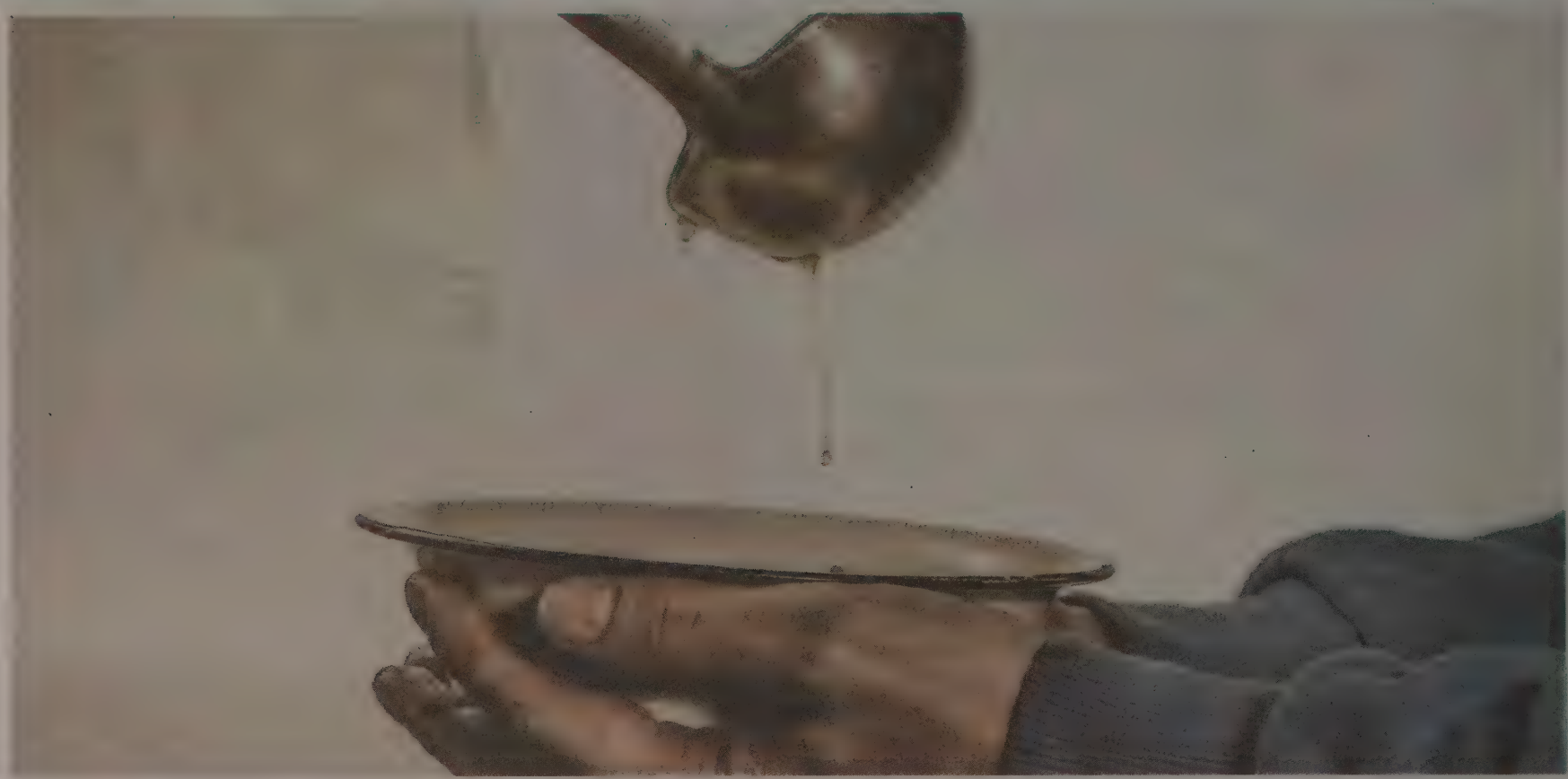

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Father Constantine and Rabbi Josh reflect on the difficult year past and look forward to a brighter and more hopeful 2021.

FATHER CONSTANTINE LAZARAKIS

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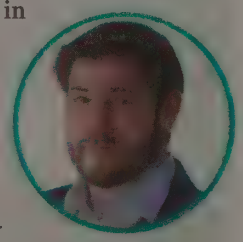

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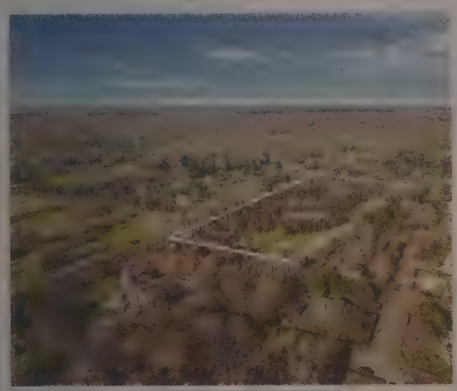

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How Did I Become an Alcoholic?

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Biology? Biography?

Maybe a bit of both, though I fall through the cracks a little on both counts. My upbringing was pretty normal and "white bread:" Central Pennsylvania, lower middle class, loving parents, well-provided for, as long as it wasn't too expensive, support, encouragement and lots of affection. Not a lot of alcoholism in the family, one uncle with a drinking problem, and parents who enjoyed a "highball" every night. My father was falling down drunk at a couple of summer parties, after which he would be forced to sleep in the armchair downstairs. These incidents both embarrassed and intrigued me.

I was a preposterously late bloomer, after the girls and boys, so late my parents were ready to take me to a doctor when I finally got my period at 16. I was chubby, with two broken front teeth after hitting the dashboard of our car at 10. My dad was a terrible driver—maybe that's why I drank? And I was that pathetic last person in gym class to get got picked for every team—all moderately traumatic to my overdeveloped sense of tragedy, but hardly a setup for a long period of self-destruction. I did well in school, sang at church and discovered that I had talent, and had friends who pretty much ignored my preoccupation with sex, boys and "When am I going

to get my period?"

God, did I want to be cool—to get attention and to get past the free-floating anxiety that kept getting worse as I grew up, a fear of being not-enough, of being found out as the loser I believed myself to be. My grandmother took me to a lot of movies, which I adored, and I fell in love with Doris Day, Susan Hayward, Barbara Stanwick. All those men, all that drama, all that booze...a wineglass in one hand, cigarette in the other. I couldn't wait to grow up and be just like them.

Did I mention that I was attention-seeking and shy at the same time? I became more and more anxious as I alternately sought the spotlight and huddled in my closet sobbing because I hated my body, my shyness, my sensitivity. My junior year in high school, I finally bloomed, I did everything I could to make up for lost time with boys and teen drama, still maintained acceptable behavior through senior year, got the lead in the senior play, did well academically, part of the talented, over-achievers group, but washed out completely with the popular party kids. My innocent face said "goody goody," but how I longed to be a bad girl.

I got my chance the summer after senior year when I got an intern position with a prestigious summer theatre group. I was horribly intimidated and played subservient little mouse till....they drank. I mean, they drank! On one of the first nights there I decided to get drunk. Vodka was flowing like water and that's how I downed it. I remember dancing a little and then remember nothing, till the next morning, when I threw up and felt like death. Puking, I thought "I'll never do that again," but at rehearsal, I got lots of attention in my black turtleneck, blonde hair disheveled, hearing how funny, smart, sexy I had been.

I was hooked. It was the beginning.

I never did drink vodka straight again.

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Mended Little Hearts Offers Support For Kids With Heart Defects

BY MAIA VINES

Mended Little Hearts of Long Island serves local communities by educating and advocating for families of children with congenital heart defects, the most common birth defect in the country.

Approximately 25% of children born with critical congenital heart defects need surgical procedures to survive, but many families are unaware of this until after birth. Mended Little Hearts was founded in 2004 to provide national support as well as educational services for families. With more than 300 local chapters nationwide, the nonprofit also offers peer-to-peer programs on a local level.

"We try to network families as best we can but we also try to make sure that we provide an outlet for our kids so they can come together and see that 'Hey, I'm not the only person who has to go to a special doctor for my heart' or 'Hey, I'm not the only kid who maybe has a scar down their chest,'" says Shannan Pearsall, lead coordinator for Mended Little Hearts of LI.

Hospitals and doctors of children in MLH's programs work closely with the organization by participating in fundraising events and educational forums and by providing resources. Every year, the nonprofit hosts a holiday drive to collect items like toys, books and crafts for New York-Presbyterian Hospital in Manhattan. In December, donations were sent directly from its Amazon wishlist to the hospital, and hospital staff informed families about MLH's services during toy distribution.

Oftentimes the first connection a family will have with MLH comes during a fetal diagnosis. Pearsall learned about the organization after her son, Aidan, was born without a fully functioning heart.

COURTESY MENDED LITTLE HEARTS

TWO CHILD WARRIORS, AIDAN AND CLARE, HELPING TO GATHER AND SORT TOYS FOR THE MENDED LITTLE HEARTS OF LONG ISLAND TOY DRIVE.

"If I had the connection with this organization and this network of amazing families back then, the road would've still been a challenging and really scary one but it would've been one where I felt uplifted because I would've had that support," Pearsall says.

The organization's bravery bag program supplies items to families of hospitalized children post-heart surgery. These items include basic necessities like dental products, deodorant and lotion as well as tea, food, books and info about MLH. Hospitals, local schools and other chapter coordinators normally contribute to or host fundraisers for the bravery bags.

"Creature comforts are things that make a hospitalization, whether it's a planned stay or unexpected stay, just a little easier," Pearsall says.

This story first appeared in Long Island Press.

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KEVIN LANG

6 Roof Maintenance Tips You Need To Know

The roof protects your home and family from all kinds of weather, bugs animals and falling debris. It's not something many people think about often.

Here are six things homeowners can do to maintain their roof to help ensure it lasts for an average of 25 years.

1. Do a twice-annual inspection in the spring and fall to check for loose or missing shingles, damage, buckling, broken gutters, or piles of granules.

2. Clean the gutters several times a year so water doesn't back up and rot the fascia.

3. Trim the trees so a storm doesn't cause branches to fall on your roof.

4. Check for moss and algae. Avoid such growth by keeping the attic properly ventilated, removing debris, and trimming overhang.

5. Re-caulk, if necessary. If a low-grade caulking was used to install the roof, call an expert to see if re-caulking it needed.

6. Check the insulation and ventilation in the attic to help keep the roof in good condition by reducing moisture and preventing ice dams from forming.

In addition to this column's insurance tip of the week, I want readers to know they can call me for advice, questions or any coverage concerns at any time at 1-866-964-4434.

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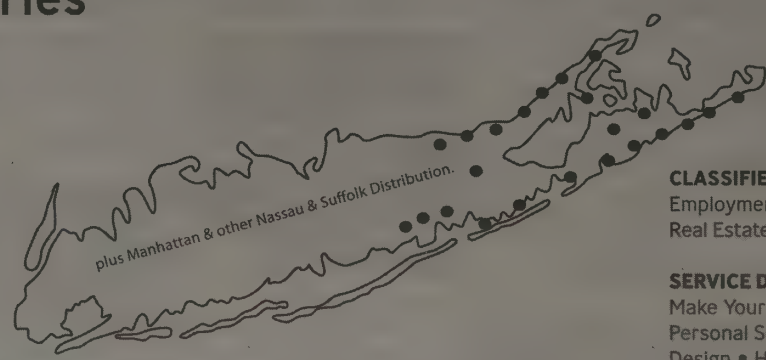

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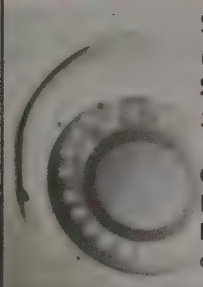

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Tuesday, February 9, 2021; 1:00-3:00 p.m.
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Tuesday, February 16, 2021; 5:00-7:00 p.m.
Registration for the virtual public meetings may be completed here: https://www.boem.gov/renewable-energy/south-fork-wind-farm-virtual-meetings or by calling (703) 787-1662. The virtual meetings are open to the public and free to attend. Comments may be submitted electronically via regulations.gov by searching for Docket No. BOEM-2020-0066 and clicking "Comment Now!". Comments may also be submitted by mail with envelopes labeled "South Fork Wind Farm Draft EIS" addressed to Program Manager, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Office of Renewable Energy, 45600 Woodland Road (VAM-OREP), Sterling, Virginia 20166. Comments must be received or postmarked no later than February 22, 2021. BOEM does not consider anonymous comments. Please include your name and address as part of your submittal. All comments submitted will be made part of the public record and will be posted publicly without change.
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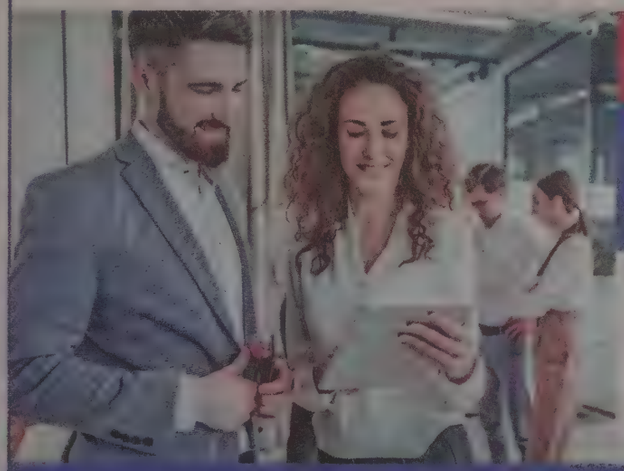
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East Hampton Home Asking Just Under $2 Million

18th Century House Was Once the Riding Club of Jackie Kennedy

BY TAYLOR K. VECSEY

A 275-year-old home, once the clubhouse for the Riding Club of East Hampton where a young Jacqueline Bouvier learned to ride, is back on the market for $1.995 million.

The property at 9 Cross Highway, now listed with Enzo Morabito of Douglas Elliman as of January 25, offers a rare opportunity to build two houses on one lot.

Known as the Abraham Baker House, it was one of about a dozen properties to receive a special historic landmark designation from East Hampton Town in 2017.

Aimed at preventing 18th and 19th century homes from being replaced, the special designation allows the owners of these properties to build a second home for a combined square footage of 5,000 square feet between the two homes.

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The 275-year-old house is approximately 2,000 square feet, allowing for a second 3,000-square-foot house to be built on the property. Just shy of one acre, the property also has room for a pool on the property, Morabito says.

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home the former First Lady spent summers in as a child and that belonged to her grandfather, John Vernou Bouvier Jr. The home at 55 La Forest Lane is currently on the market for $6.975 million with Sotheby's International Realty.

The Abraham Baker House was turned back into a residence in 1943 when the Riding Club was sold. Today, the two-story, shingle-style home has three bedrooms, three full baths and two fireplaces. There are original wood floors, a study with wide planked wood paneling and even lockers left behind from the riding club.

While the property straddles the village and town lines, the south-of-the-highway home has an East Hampton Village address and is located just down the street from Town Mile Hollow Beach. It backs up to the village estate section.

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The property was originally listed at $2.29 million in early 2020.

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Calverton	John J Jackowski	Seasmoke Properties LLC	4498 Middle Country Road	Residence	10/28/20	285,000
Cutchogue	US Bank	J & P Family LLC	29825 Main Road	Residence	07/31/20	325,954
East Hampton	Estate of Fred Mengoni	Woods Lane Holdings LLC	6 Woods Lane	Residence	12/16/20	7,000,000
	Allan Spivack	Hal Goldberg	18 Noelles Lane	Residence	10/29/20	3,200,000
	Blake Helppie	Mimi Y Sheng	592 Hands Creek Road	Residence	10/29/20	1,925,000
	24 Skimhampton LLC	Tarigh Yusufi	24 Skimhampton Road	Commercial	10/30/20	1,800,000
	Estate of Nancy O'Brien	Laura Lisowski	78 Dayton Lane	Residence	12/30/20	1,650,000
	James & Kathryn Pool	Benjamin Dixon	2 Wagon Lane	Residence	12/04/20	1,525,000
	Jordan & Sarah Terner	Jote Kassa	215 Buckskill Road	Residence	10/16/20	1,375,000
	Peter Borowsky	Ellenka Trust-Hunter	29 Oyster Pond Lane	Residence	08/24/20	1,139,750
	My Friend 1 LLC	Francisco Mendoza	8 Semaphore Road	Residence	12/29/20	1,050,000
	21 Oyster Pond LLC	Jose A Calderon	21 Oyster Pond Lane	Residence	12/31/20	975,000
	Ann Harper Living Trust	Matthew Abedi	19 Renees Way	Residence	10/30/20	870,000
	Brookecollins LLC	Construction 101 LLC	23 Fairway Drive	Vacant	12/31/20	500,000
	Lynda D Kuser	112 Two Holes of Water LLC	112 Two Holes Water Road	Residence	11/11/20	253,840
East Quogue	John & Linda Iacono	James & Ruth Brown	59 Dune Road	Residence	12/11/20	12,625,000
	Mark Altman	Gail & Israel Berger	3 Oakland Lane	Residence	10/07/20	2,060,000
Greenport	Modern Age Home Builders LLC	Cynthis Lewis	375 Green Hill Lane	Residence	11/13/20	1,105,300
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	Jayne & Michael Kurtz	Andres Ojeda	40 Linda Lane East	Residence	12/31/20	530,000
	Frederick & Wendy Mildner	Jorge & Rodolfo Perez	55 Constable Drive	Residence	12/03/20	400,000
	Eleanor Gatz	AJG13 LLC	Church Lane	Vacant	10/05/20	364,372
Sag Harbor	Sag Harbor LLC	43NBA LLC	43 Noyac Bay Avenue	Residence	12/17/20	8,800,000
	Seena Stromberg	Laura Weinstock	92 Old Noyack Path	Residence	12/15/20	3,520,000
	Estate of May Kelman	Bilha Fish	240 Redwood Road	Residence	07/23/20	1,699,000
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Celebrating Hamptons Celebrities:

Tara Westwood

BY DANNY FRANK

During these unseasonable, mild winter days, actress Tara Westwood and her partner (prominent NYC sports orthopedic surgeon Dr. Andrew Feldman) continue to enjoy surfing near their Amagansett home. They spend a lot of time there and like to dine at: La Fondita, Nick & Toni's, or Hamptons Chutney Company. "We get our morning coffee at Jack's in Amagansett," she adds.

Despite COVID, 2020 was packed with activities for Westwood.

She has had very good parts in *Distemper*, a new television series, and two movies, *Deck the Heart*, and *Blackjack: The Jackie Ryan Story*.

Last year became an opportunity where she was able to continue expanding her career beyond acting and into production. She met up with North Fork TV Festival winner Elias Plagianos and together they created the first episode of a new show, *Hudson Falls*. They lined up name actors Richard Kind, Jessica Hecht and William Sadler. But COVID meant that most productions—and most of the entertainment industry—were shut down. Tara reached out to the Screen Actors Guild (SAG) to develop COVID guidelines, standards they could deploy to proceed with their production, while offering protection for everyone.

All sorts of groundbreaking accommodations and considerations were implemented by Westwood in order to follow proper protocols. "For example, everyone on the set had to obtain a PCR test, which at the time did not have rapid turnaround," she says. The production members got tested, then quarantined, and stayed flexible ready to shoot, when SAG gave their approval."

Westwood explains how "only eight people were on the set to keep the risk minimal. The actors did their own makeup and hair. The actors used social distancing while the camera tech and editor shot at angles to compensate for the limitations the actors faced with body language and close encounters. We used a new technology camera manufactured by Canon because it is extremely light, has cinematic auto-focus versatile for certain shots where we were otherwise restricted." She admits that "this process was frustrating, perhaps tense because we were committed to safety. But I welcomed this special challenge which meant a lot of extra effort and details. We shared great satisfaction that we were able to succeed." Westwood says that "Since last summer's shoot, I have received calls and inquiries from other productions seeking info about our experiences."

Some other recent movies for Manitoba-born Westwood, who modeled for several years in Paris before her transition into acting, include *The Grudge* (which grossed $50 million), *Detours*, *The Karma Club* and guest appearances on many television shows such as *Law & Order*, *Bull* and *The Good Wife*. Westwood acknowledges that she enjoys horror films, including her starring role in *The Honeymoon Phase* in 2019. "I would like to do more of them, especially with a psychological ride."

COURTESY TARA WESTWOOD

ACTRESS AND TELEVISION PRODUCER TARA WESTWOOD.

> *"I thrive on mentoring people with ambitions to become professional actors. I pose to them: Can you write? Can you handle lighting or set design? Can you produce?"*

In today's show business, Westwood believes in the importance of actors broadening their capabilities into production, not relying on acting as their vocation. "I thrive on mentoring people with ambitions to become professional actors. I pose to them: Can you write? Can you handle lighting or set design? Can you produce?"

Westwood is the mother of two sons in their 20s, one living with her in Amagansett, the other in Dallas.

Amidst COVID, Westwood is proud of launching Let's All Read, which is easily accessed on YouTube. There is no money involved. Westwood volunteers with her acting colleagues like her Hamptons neighbor John Leguizamo, actor Griffin Dunne and others for storytime reads, geared toward small and young children. There are over 100 Let's All Read editions. "It's my way to help out parents and family members to keep children mentally engaged and stimulated!"

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